LSAMP scholars hear from successful alumni

Four alumni who studied the sciences returned to the campus to talk with LSAMP scholars about their lives after BC.

Amy Pitler ’12 is a PhD candidate at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ). She talked about how well prepared she was for graduate school in the sciences after spending many hours working in the science labs. “For me to stay in the program, I must maintain a 3.0 GPA,” she says. “Bloomfield gave me a great background to not only get into this program, but to stay in it.”

Marta Babyak ’12 went into the field upon her graduation, working for Princeton HealthCare System and a private lab. “I felt very ready to move into a career in the labs,” she says. “The work I did here gave me the skills I needed.”

Adriana Martin ’08 is a medical student and PhD candidate at the Robert Woods Johnson Medical School. She urged the students to be the best they could be and get all they could from the lab work.

Abeer Abu-Judeh ’97 went to law school after BC. “I learned study skills and good learning habits as a science major that helped me in law school,” she says. “Learn your strengths and weaknesses, then turn your weaknesses into your strengths. Whatever you do, be the best at it.”

All four alumni echoed the same theme – get everything you can from your studies, enjoy the close relationships with your professors, and be the best you can be. The LSAMP students were inspired to see that their hard work pays off.

The Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) is an alliance of nine New Jersey colleges and universities that are promoting the STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) among minority and underrepresented populations in those fields. The program involves career exploration, tutoring, peer mentoring, and field and conference trips. The program has been at a maximum population since its inception and will be growing again in the next academic year.