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Medical Student from University of Maryland – College Park Speaks to North Dorchester High School Biomedical Students

On April 10, 2017, Alyssa Monsono, a **University of Maryland at College Park 4th year Medical Student** spoke to students at **North Dorchester High School** who are interested in pursuing a career in the **biomedical field.** Ms. Monsono, originally from **Colorado**, moved to Maryland for her undergraduate study at **Johns Hopkins University**. She is currently in **Dorchester County** completing a round of her residency with **Dr. Gene Newmier.** She spoke to the students about the **critical need and shortage** in all medical fields. Ms. Monsono **fielded questions** from students about the massive **college debt** and the requirements to become a doctor. She emphasized that students should not be worried about accruing a debt to become a doctor because there are many programs in place that will forgive loans and help you repay back the debt. For those seeking a **career in biomedical science,** she added, there would be some of your best days and some sad days. However, the amount that you can give back to your community and help people far outweigh the bad. Ms. Monsono concluded that students needed to have an **amazing work ethic** and that started in **high school.** Her biggest piece of **advice** to the students, "If you are interested, shadow your field of interest, see if it is for you, establish an internship and become a leader in everything you do."