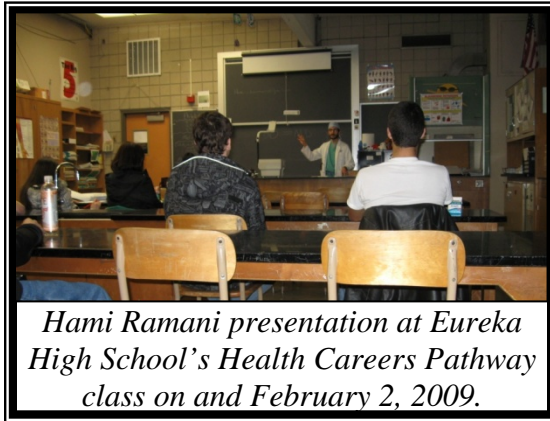


Touro Med Student promotes health careers at Eureka High



Hami Ramani presentation at Eureka High School's Health Careers Pathway class on and February 2, 2009.

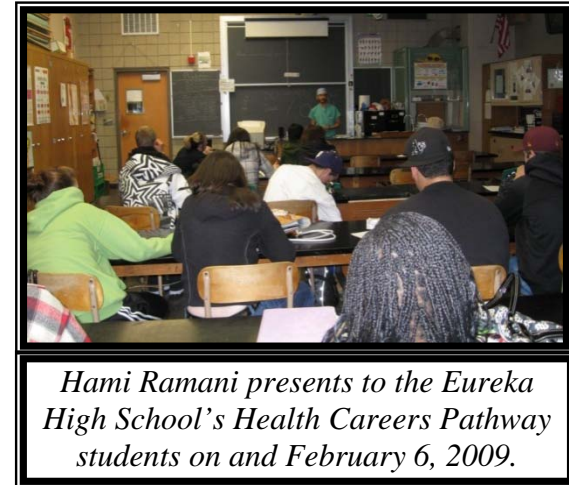
Dressed in scrubs and a lab coat, Hami Ramani entered the Intro to Health Careers class at Eureka High. He had been conducting a clinical rotation in the surgical department of St. Joseph's Hospital. Mr. Ramani, a third-year Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Student from Touro University, presented what it takes to pursue a medical career and what his experiences have been. Fourteen years ago, Mr. Ramani moved to the United States from Iran. Mr. Ramani discussed why he decided to pursue a medical career and what helped him prepare while in high school. He stated it is important to have balance and go outside your comfort zone to experience new things.

Mr. Ramani described his experience in medical school. During the first two years of school, he studied the sciences of medicine. The third and final year of osteopathic medical school, students gain on-the-job experience through clinical rotations. At St. Joseph's, Mr. Ramani had the opportunity to observe a Gastric Bypass Surgery and removal of skin cancer. The hours that he interns at the hospital depends on the schedule of the operating room-some days he works 12 hours and others four. Mr. Ramani's future aspirations are to become a neurologist because he appreciates the complexity and importance of the brain for human existence.

Students asked questions about the cost and funding for medical school. Tina Tvedt, North Coast Area Health Education Center Director, described state and federal scholarship opportunities for health professionals that work in underserved communities.

North Coast Clinics Network would like to "Thank" Mr. Ramani for volunteering his time to inspire the youth in Humboldt County.

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Hami Ramani presents to the Eureka High School's Health Careers Pathway students on and February 6, 2009.

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