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A sophomore at Liberal High School attended a medical leaders conference in Washington D.C. this weekend.

Faith D. Miller was nominated to attend the conference based on her academic achievement, leadership potential at LHS.

The Congress, according to a press release, is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields.



“The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal,” the release said.

Miller was nominated by Dr. Connie Mariano, the medical director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists, to represent LHS based on her academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

During the three-day Congress, Miller joined students from across the country and heard Nobel laureates and National Medal of Science winners talk about leading medical research.

She was also given advice from Ivy League and top medical school deans on what is to be expected in medical school.

Miller also witnessed stories told by patients who are living medical miracles, inspired by fellow teen medical and science prodigies and learned about cutting-edge advances and the future in medicine and medical technology.

“This is a crucial time in America when we need more doctors and medical scientists who are even better prepared for a future that is changing exponentially,” said Richard Rossi, executive director, National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. “Focused, bright and determined students like Faith Miller are our future, and she deserves all the mentoring and guidance we can give her.”

The academy offers free services and programs to students who want to be physicians or go into medical science.

Some of the services and programs the academy plans to launch in 2013 and 2014 are online social networks through which future doctors and medical scientists can communicate; opportunities for students to be guided and mentored by physicians and medical students; and communications for parents and students on college acceptance and finances, skills acquisition, internships, career guidance and much more.

The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists was founded on the belief

that prospective medical talent must be identified at the earliest possible age and to help those students acquire the necessary experience and skills to take them to the doorstep of this vital career.

Based in Washington D.C., the academy was chartered as a nonpartisan, taxpaying institution to help address this crisis by working to identify, encourage and mentor students who wish to devote their lives to the service of humanity as physicians, medical scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians.