Pathway to Neurosurgery is an annual program dedicated to alleviating health care disparities by encouraging high school students from underrepresented groups and/or disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue a career in Neurosurgery. The first offering of this initiative by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons was on October 18, 2021, at the CNS Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas in honor of Dr. Timothy M. George, Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Dell Medical School at the University of Texas-Austin and was attended by his wife, Rosalind George. Through collaboration with Breakthrough Austin, an organization whose mission is to create a path to and through college for students who will become the first in their families to earn a college degree, over 30 local high school students took part in an immersive experience, including lectures from leading neurosurgeons, a plenary talk from guest speaker Dr. Mae C. Jemison, America’s first African American female astronaut, and participated in a hands-on activity lab that gave them insight into a day in a neurosurgeon’s life.

Volunteers

Else Arocho-Quinones
Nicholas Bambakidis
Garni Barkhoudarian
Jasmine Dicesare
Sonia Eden
Tiffany R. Hodges

Langston Holly
Lora Kahn
Daria Krivosheya
Dimitri Laurent
Brandon Lucke-Wold
Nnenna Mbabuike

Kaitlyn Melnick
Rachel Moor
Greg Murad
Chris Newman
Akash Patel
Nader Pouratian

Maryam Rahman
Jennifer Sweet
Elizabeth Tyler-Kabar
and many more!

“I never thought of neurosurgery as a career, but now I am considering it.”

The only times I see women that look like me, they’re nurses, so this is the first time I have seen anyone like me as a surgeon.”