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Dr. Mark Meyer, MD, was appointed associate dean for student affairs of the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 2000. In this role, he is involved in the academic and non-academic aspects of student life on the campus. He serves as the executive director of the Academic Societies Program and was the founding director of the Delp Society. A former residency director, Dr. Meyer maintains an active clinical practice and is active in medical student and residency education.

Dr. Meyer has been recognized for his teaching, service, mentoring and leadership. In 2009, Dr. Meyer received the Rainbow Award, an honor that students bestow on a faculty member and mentor who they feel best exemplifies excellence in medicine. Dr. Meyer's service activities include serving as a volunteer physician at JayDoc Clinic and as a member of a number of board of directors, all of which are service related.

He received his M.D. and completed his residency at the University of Kansas.

What drew you to medicine?

Like many in healthcare, I wanted to help others. Medicine provided an opportunity to use knowledge from many fields to assist others.

When and how did you know that you wanted to pursue a career in medicine?

By my junior year in college at Kansas State University my coursework and healthcare experiences had solidified my interest in medicine as a career.

How did you hear about HSHPS and what made KUMC decide to apply to be a member?

I learned about HSHPS from Dr Patricia Thomas who previously served as the Associate Dean for Cultural Enhancement and Diversity in our school. It was through her leadership and advocacy that the school decided to become a member of HSHPS.

What exactly do you do in your role as Associate Dean for Student Affairs? What does a day in the life of Dr. Meyer look like?

I am a family physician so patient care is part of every day. I also teach in both clinical and classroom settings, so there is that element most days as well. In my student affairs role I spend time on any given day meeting with students, talking with faculty and other administrators, attending meetings, organizing and overseeing events, etc. The scope of student affairs has increased greatly over the 15 years I have served as the student affairs dean.

What have you learned throughout your career that you would like to pass on to future health professionals?

Be motivated by curiosity and serving your patients well and not just by what is on the next test.

What do you know now that you would've liked to know as a student just starting your journey? You have to enjoy communicating and working with others. Healthcare is an expansive, complex, and ever-evolving field that involves the contribution of many in order to provide excellent patient care.

Where do you see yourself going from here?

I am not seeking a change as I have the best job in the world right now: I am involved in patient care, I teach students and residents, and I help bright, talented, and motivated students achieve their goals!