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Congratulations on your selection to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine (NYLF/MED) this summer!

You must be very proud.

As a Rear Admiral (ret.) in the U.S. Navy, a practicing physician for close to 30 years and the first military woman in American history to be appointed White House Physician who served three sitting U.S. Presidents, I am a strong believer in the opportunities offered by this challenging medicine program.

The Forum on Medicine could very well serve as a pivotal experience for you.

You will be academically challenged, encouraged and motivated, while being introduced to all facets of the medical field. You will take part in simulations and activities for 10 days centered on a broad range of topics, including the educational requirements to serve in the medical field, career options, clinical practice and complex ethical and legal issues facing the medical profession today.

You will study medical specialties and primary care with current physicians, meet with patients, explore life as a medical resident and interact with medical professionals from some of the nation's top medical centers and faculty from renowned medical institutions.

While spending time alongside physicians, you will gain rare insight that will guide you as you make tough career decisions.

By attending, you can also receive college credit through George Mason University, which has been recognized for three years by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the top ten "Universities to Watch" in the country!

If you have any questions about your selection or the program, I encourage you to call the Forum on Medicine toll-free at (866) 441-8698 or e-mail the Forum at medicine_adm@nylf.org.

Again, congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Mariano, M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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