

LA GENERAL NEWSROOM

Meet Our Newest Future Healthcare Leaders

Future Healthcare Leaders Program celebrates its Summer 2026 cohort at the Capstone Summit

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The Summer 2026 cohort of the Future Healthcare Leaders Program gathers outside the entrance of Old General Hospital.

This summer, LA General Medical Center proudly welcomed a new generation of future clinicians, innovators, and advocates into its halls through the **Future Healthcare Leaders Program**. Over the course of the program, students immersed themselves in the daily life of our hospital, learned directly from our physicians and staff, and built capstone projects addressing real challenges in healthcare delivery. Last week, that journey culminated in the Future Healthcare Leaders Program Capstone Summit, and what a celebration it was.

CEO Jorge Orozco offered remarks at the Summit, reflecting on the impact of welcoming students into the hospital each summer.

"It's really great to see young minds who are looking towards the future. It really is transformative to be in a space where you see professionals work and where you are able to demystify the medical field."

— Jorge Orozco, CEO, LA General Medical Center

Capstone Presentations: Big Ideas from Bright Minds

The heart of the Summit, held on July 31, was the capstone presentations, where student teams shared original projects tackling issues they encountered firsthand during their time at LA General. Their creativity, compassion, and problem-solving left everyone in the room inspired.

Gavin, Ryan & Marleny

"Spark of Life"

Eric, Charles & Abel

"LA General Community Garden Project: 'Cultivating Care'"

Jade & Anthony

"Enhancing Healthcare Facility Navigation"

Corina, Melisa & Abigail

"LAC Med-Drop"

Natalie, Lilah & Anahy

"Assure Initiative"

Amy & Alekzander

"The Language Gap and Solution in Medicine"

From improving how patients find their way through our facility, to reimagining medication delivery, to bridging language barriers in care, each project reflected a genuine understanding of the challenges patients and providers face, paired with the kind of fresh, hopeful thinking that gives us so much confidence in where healthcare is headed.



Students got the opportunity to tour the old General Hospital. Here, the group gathers in the old surgical theater — the Ben Casey Suite.

Honoring a Summer of Growth

Following the presentations, the program honored every student that same day, July 31, with a certificate and recognition ceremony, celebrating not just the capstone projects but an entire summer of growth, learning, and leadership. Each certificate represented hours of dedication, curiosity in the face of new challenges, and a genuine commitment to making healthcare better.

Every summer, this program is a reminder of why this work matters — watching students walk in as curious learners and walk out as confident, thoughtful future healthcare leaders is one of the most rewarding parts of what happens at LA General.



Students proudly display their certificates at the Capstone Summit's recognition ceremony.

Congratulations, Future Healthcare Leaders!

The Summit closed with a cohort photo and a reception, a fitting close to a program built on connection, mentorship, and shared purpose. To every student in the Summer 2026 cohort: congratulations. Your energy, your ideas, and your dedication to serving your community have left a lasting mark on LA General Medical Center.

We can't wait to see where your journeys in healthcare take you next.

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