

# UConn HEALTH

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## ***Bridge to the Future Science Mentoring Conference***

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### ***Keynote Speaker***

Christine Crawford, MD, MPH

**Christine Crawford, MD, MPH** is currently a psychiatry resident physician at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Crawford grew up in East Hartford, CT where she attended East Hartford High School. While in high school, through the Department of Health Career Opportunity Programs (HCOP), she participated in the High School Student Research Apprentice Program. She has also participated in the Medical/Dental Preparatory Program and has been a participant in other mentoring summer programs through HCOP.



She attended Boston College for her undergrad studies and later attended graduate school at Boston University where she obtained a Master's Degree in Public Health with a concentration in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Crawford attended UConn for medical school where she was selected as an urban health scholar and coordinated various community health fairs throughout the greater Hartford area. Also, during her time in medical school she mentored 8<sup>th</sup> graders through the Great Explorations weekly Saturday Academy.

Dr. Crawford was selected as a Gold Humanism scholar and was recently selected as an American Psychiatric Association Minority Fellow. She has recently been awarded a generous grant by the American Psychiatric Association to develop a community-based intervention targeting African-American patients in a Boston community health center to raise awareness about depression. Dr. Crawford is also coordinating a weekly seminar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that explores the difficulty of managing mental health issues for students of color.

Dr. Crawford has a strong interest in mentorship as well as reducing the stigma associated with mental health in communities of color. One fun fact that most people do not know about Dr. Crawford is that she has a black belt in TaeKwonDo, so watch out!