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Student Interns Get Real-World Healthcare On-the-Job Experience



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - High school students in Houston County now have the opportunity for hands-on experience in the healthcare field through an internship with Houston Healthcare (HH). The internship may be clinical or non-clinical, depending on the student's chosen career field. During the year-long internship, students will work with hospital staff to learn what's expected of them in this career.

After interviews this summer, 14 interns were selected as the first group to have this opportunity. Upon completing health screenings and a HH apprentice orientation on Aug. 12, 2019, they began their internship on Aug. 13. The students will work at the hospital 5 to 15 hours per week, depending on their school schedules.

Intern Angela Miller commented, "This experience has been great and I have already learned a lot. The internship has made me realize that working in the Intensive Care Unit at the hospital is what I really want to do!"

Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) Principal, Sabrina Phelps, said, "This exciting opportunity for students is a win-win for our community. Our goals are to expose students to careers right here at home and to grow our own workforce. This real-world experience prepares them for the future and gives them a chance to decide if they want to continue in this field."

Participants represent all five high schools: Houston County High (HCHS), Northside High (NHS), Perry High (PHS), Veterans High (VHS) and Warner Robins High (WRHS). The interns are pictured at orientation on Aug. 12, (from left, front to back): Angela Miller (WRHS); Marissa McHenry, Allison Davis, Ja'nya King, Aniya Howard (NHS); Kenady McGhee (HCHS); Taylor Veronee (VHS); Aniya Rumph (PHS); (back) Akeria Harris, Lillian Worsley (WRHS); Bryce Danjou, Matthew Connair (VHS); Elayna Mizell (HCHS) and Samiya Dent (NHS).

This apprenticeship opportunity came about as a result of a partnership between the school district, HCCA, HH, Central Georgia Technical College and the Houston County Development Authority. This group also partnered for the first annual Houston Health Science Summit this past April, to inform students about healthcare career options. Approximately 200 local sophomores attended "Taking the Mystery out of Healthcare Careers." The summit covered both clinical and non-clinical healthcare settings, to include business administration, information technology, HVAC/industrial maintenance and other areas where employees are needed. The next summit will be held in the spring of 2020.

For more information about this internship, please contact Phelps at sabrina.phelps@hcbe.net or the Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, at Sandi.Couillard@hcbe.net. They may also be reached at the HCCA at 478-322-3280.

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