

South Central Wisconsin AHEC

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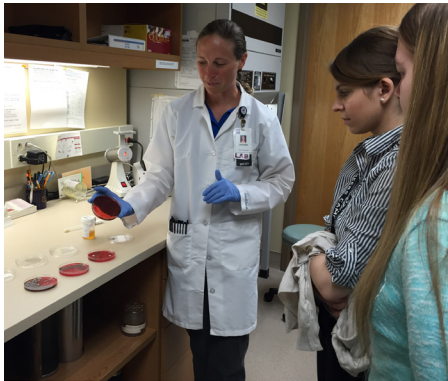
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Feature Program: Health Career Exploration Days



South Central Wisconsin AHEC and SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital-Janesville hosted a series of Health Careers Exploration Day events in Janesville throughout November and December 2016. The event provided many opportunities for 54 rural high school students to gain a better understanding of a career in health care in their own community. Students toured many departments on the SSM Health Janesville Medical Campus, including: Pharmacy, Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Radiation Oncology, Laboratory, Medical Imaging, Emergency Department, Sleep Center, Family Birth Center, Surgical Department, Inpatient Rehabilitation, and the Intensive Care Unit. Students participated in roundtable discussions with professionals from many different departments on campus. The health care professionals shared their own paths to their current careers, provided academic advice, and answered questions from the students. Health Career Exploration Days events are also offered in Dane and Dodge county.

Global Health Institute

South Central WI AHEC in partnership with staff from rural high schools in the region, the UW Global Health Institute and Globe Med UW Madison (a college student organization), provides high school students from rural Wisconsin an understanding of global health and many issues that impact health outcomes in rural and urban communities. This health workshop effectively connects what students have learned about global health issues to how this knowledge applies in their own communities as they form plans to pursue a health career.



Health Literacy Project

South Central WI AHEC hosts workshops in Sauk and Columbia County in partnership with the Divine Savior Hospital and Portage High School. The workshops focus on health care navigation education to improve Health Insurance Literacy and to promote a better understanding of preventative health care services by working cooperatively in training high school students who in turn will teach other high school students and community members.



Community Engagement Projects for Med Students

South Central WI AHEC provides service-learning opportunities for UWS-MPH 3rd and year medical students, with special emphasis on uninsured/underserved and vulnerable populations. SC develops and maintains partnerships with 17 community organizations for over 20 different projects the medical students can work on as a part of their clerkship. This year SC is partnering with the WI Medical Society Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club, and Rural Medicine Association in a Chronic Prevention Care pilot project with the UWSMPH.



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