



# WMAHEC Happenings

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center  
Promoting quality in healthcare through educational and other partnerships

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## **Western Maryland AHEC Provides 9<sup>th</sup> Year of Health Careers Camp to 63 High School Students through Exploring Careers in Health Occupations**

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center's signature health careers pipeline program, Exploring Careers in Health Occupations (ECHO), celebrates 9 years of nurturing student's interest in becoming health professionals. This highly interactive week-long residential program provides high school students with a variety of learning opportunities through presentations, tours, shadowing, and hands-on activities.

Keeping in ECHO tradition, students started off their week white water rafting to foster teamwork. They visited University of Maryland School of Medicine, toured our local hospitals, and were trained and certified in First Aid and CPR—all while living in a dormitory at Frostburg State University for a week to gain college life experience.

Some new additions to ECHO this year included the following: an interactive, hands-on Forensic Nursing Evidence Collection workshop; Maryland State Police Crime Scene Technician lecture; a visit to the Ronald McDonald House and Rosenbaum House in Morgantown where students baked cakes and cookies for the patients' families; Ruby Memorial Children's Hospital to make crafts and play games with young patients; and an informative presentation on how to conduct college-level research. Students in ECHO 201 observed surgeries at Hillside Animal Hospital and LaVale Veterinary Hospital, and several spent the day in Pediatrics at Children's Medical Group.

The numerous providers and partners are invaluable in making ECHO a truly unique program that continues to grow and evolve each year. Their time and contributions are so greatly appreciated.

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