



Quarterly E-newsletter - June 2020 - Issue 7

Virtual Health Careers Camp with North Central (KY) AHEC

East Indiana AHEC was pleased to partner with our friends at North Central AHEC in Northern Kentucky to offer a virtual summer camp opportunity for a few of our region's students. Due to Covid-19, all of East Indiana AHEC's summer camps and health careers programs were cancelled. We were able to offer students who had originally planned to partake in our Hanover Summer Academy spots in North Central's virtual camp as an alternative opportunity for them.

We worked alongside Vivian Lockstead, program specialist at North Central AHEC, to recruit our EI-AHEC region participants and in return connected her to some behavioral health professionals from our region to be virtual camp presenters. The virtual health careers camp, held during the week of June 22, consisted of 3 days of Zoom interactive meetings. Prior to the camp start date, students picked up a bag of supplies to use at their homes during the virtual experience. The schedule included presentations on Clinical Lab Science, Nursing, and Mental Health Counseling. Some presentations allowed students to do hands-on activities at home like blood typing and rehabilitation exercises, while other time was spent in Q&A with health care professionals and learning about careers in health care. Five EI-AHEC students representing North Decatur High School and South Ripley High School participated alongside students from several Northern Kentucky high schools. We appreciate North Central AHEC's openness and teamwork!



Photos - Picking up student packets in Lawrenceburg; Socially distant packet distribution in Versailles!

East Indiana AHEC Educator Spotlight

Angie Talbott, RN - Health Science Education Instructor at New Castle Career Center



The Henry County Community Foundation recently granted Angie Talbott the 2020 Teacher Excellence Award. Angie is the Health Science Education Instructor at the New Castle Career Center where she also serves as the HOSA and National Technical Honor Society Coordinator. This award is granted to “an educator who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to inspire students to reach for difficult and lofty goals.”

Angie and the New Castle Career Center Health Science program have been East Indiana AHEC partners for several years. Jeff and Jenny from EI-AHEC have made many trips to New Castle for class visits and presentations, and EI-AHEC has supported NCCC student participation in state and national HOSA events. Angie is always on the lookout for innovative ways to engage her students and is a real advocate for them - both in their health science education and in their lives! EI-AHEC congratulates her on this recent award!

To read more about Angie’s award go to:

<https://www.henrycountycf.org/new-castle-career-center-instructor-angie-talbott-recognized-for-excellence-in-teaching/>

Regional Pediatric Training Opportunity

October 1st - 8am-12pm OR 1pm-5pm - Schneck Medical Center

East Indiana AHEC and the Southeast Indiana Simulation Consortium along with Schneck Medical Center are excited to present a regional pediatric training for Registered Nurses and Respiratory Therapists. The St. Vincent Nasser Simulation Center will provide didactic and simulation education focused on improving pediatric assessment and hands-on skills. See below to register as each session is limited to 25 participants.



To register: <https://forms.gle/GbdsXgA3vkNdvcr06>

For more info contact:

Becky Niese becky.niese@eiahec.org or

Bridgett Cope at Schneck Medical Center - bcope@schneckmed.org



Congratulations To Graduating AHEC Scholars

The eight students pictured below completed the AHEC Scholars Community Health Care Fellowship as the inaugural East Indiana AHEC Scholars cohort from fall 2018 through spring 2020. Our eight graduating Scholars collectively took part in 640 hours of didactic activities and nearly 700 hours of field experiences and service learning as they completed fellowship requirements!

 Meghan Brandon IU East Nursing	 Molly Dwenger IU School of Dentistry	 Tayler Goodall KDH School of Radiologic Technology
 Jonathan Isbill Ball State Nutrition & Dietetics	 Heather Mathis IUPUC Nursing	 Rachel Moore IUPUC Nursing
 Gracie O'Neill IUPUC Nursing		 Tiffany Walker Ivy Tech Richmond Nursing



Recruiting 2020-2022 EI-AHEC Scholars

We are now accepting applications for the third cohort of the AHEC Scholars Community Healthcare Fellowship. This is open to applicants who will be in the final two years of an accredited health professions program. The fellowship begins Fall 2020 and runs through May 2022 and Scholars receive a \$750/year stipend for participation. Learn more and apply online at:

<https://eiahec.org/health-professions-students/ahec-scholars/>.

For more information or questions about AHEC Scholars reach out to Becky Niese (becky.niese@eiahec.org)

EI-AHEC Secures Covid-19 Response Funds

As part of the CARES Act passed by Congress in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) received additional funds to distribute to AHEC programs across the nation to support training for clinicians and health professions students on topics such as telehealth, Covid-19 clinical responses, and distance learning opportunities to supplement clinical education. East Indiana AHEC secured a share of the funds allotted to the Indiana AHEC Network to support projects in collaboration with several regional partners:

- Telehealth capacity expansion and staff training with Community Mental Health Center, Inc.
- Critical Incident Stress Response and Healthcare Workforce Resiliency training for counseling students and healthcare professionals with IUPUC MA Mental Health Counseling.
- Service Learning around COVID-19 diagnostic testing for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder with IUPUC BSN Nursing.
- Simulated / Virtual clinicals technology to supplement nursing clinicals most likely to be adversely impacted by a regional surge in Covid-19 cases during the 2020-2021 academic year with IUPUC BSN Nursing
- Technology to support counseling student internships at sites that are now delivering services via telehealth with IU East MA Mental Health Counseling.

Approximately \$25,000 in additional spending on the training needs of our region's health workforce will happen as a result of this funding.

**Do you have a student learning opportunity or staff development project in collaboration with East Indiana AHEC that you'd like us to highlight in a future newsletter?
We'd love to hear from you!**

Send article ideas or photos to info@eiahec.org!