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professionals to communities,
and communities to better
health.*

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AHEC Activities in Congressional District 6 **Recruitment, training, and retention of the health care workforce, leading to healthier people and prospering communities**

The Wisconsin AHEC system improves the supply, distribution, diversity, and quality of health care professionals — improving access to health care in the state's rural and underserved areas.

FEATURED PROGRAM:

Lakeshore Health Careers Academy

After several years offering piloted college-level health career exploration classes in the Sheboygan and Manitowoc public school districts, the Lakeshore Healthcare Alliance launched the health careers academy for the 2009-2010 school year. Each year 60 high school students, predominantly in rural school districts, have access to 4 online college-level healthcare classes.

- During the first 2 years of the program, students from 12 schools in the 2 counties have participated.
- To date, sole funding for the Academy has come from AHEC.
- Available courses include: Health Care Health Behavior; Health Care Customer Service; Medical Terminology; and Human Disease for the Healthcare Profession
- 5 summer work-based learning internships are available each summer



Work-based learning students Trista Radloff, Pheng Vang and Carlee White worked as summer interns at local healthcare facilities

ADDITIONAL AHEC PROGRAMS IN THIS LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT:

Internships The Sheboygan and Winnebago County Health Departments have been awarded summer-long placements of college interns, through AHEC's "CHIP" Community Health Internship Program. Beyond the educational value to the student, these placements benefit the community through health improvement projects that otherwise could not be conducted.

Summer Health Careers Camps NEWAHEC offers two high school health careers summer camps in the district, in partnership with the Lakeshore and Fox Valley Health Care Alliances. Each year 40 students participate in the 2 camps. 65% of campers who have completed high school have declared a health careers major in college.

Health Career Presentations Each year AHEC provides Health Careers Exploration presentations to high schools throughout the district. Last year 100 presentations were done at 35 schools for 2,488 students in NEWAHEC's 11-county region.

Interprofessional Student Education AHEC was the initial financial supporter of Fond du Lac School District's "Teen Screen" program, in which 9th graders are assessed for mental health issues. Over the years AHEC funded expansion of the program into new school districts. Nursing, social work and psychology students are trained and participate in this program.

