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**More Than Scrubs ~ Careers at Houston Healthcare
2nd Annual Houston Health Science Summit Feb. 6**



HOUSTON HEALTHCARE



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Career Academy (HCCA), Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC), Houston Healthcare and Houston County Development Authority have partnered to inform future workers about career opportunities in the healthcare industry. The second annual Houston Health Science Summit will be offered Feb. 6, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at CGTC in the Roy H. “Sonny” Watson Health Sciences (W) Building. The overarching goal is to grow a local workforce to meet the needs of Houston Healthcare, the third largest employer in the county.



Careers at Houston Healthcare

Approximately 200 sophomores in Houston County have been invited to attend “More Than Scrubs ~ Careers at Houston Healthcare.” The hope is to ignite an interest in a career in both clinical and non-clinical healthcare settings, to include business administration, information technology, HVAC/industrial maintenance, and other areas where employees are needed.

“For a second year, we are proud to partner with the HCCA, CGTC, and the Houston Development Authority to provide insight into healthcare careers and the diversity of opportunities at Houston Healthcare,” said Charles Briscoe, President and Chief Executive Officer at Houston Healthcare. “I am certain most who pass Houston Healthcare see it as

their local hospital where either they or a family member goes to be treated for an illness or related medical problem, which is reasonable. At the same time, many assume that our staff consist of physicians and nurses alone. While it is true that our staff includes approximately 1,000 nurses, we have 1,400 additional employees in other occupations vital to the provision of superior service and

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outcomes to our patients and their families. We anticipate this presentation will take the mystery out of healthcare occupations and encourage our county's youth to explore and prepare not just for career opportunities in nursing, but also the vast number of clinical and nonclinical opportunities outside of nursing and available at Houston Healthcare."

In addition to Briscoe, students will hear from:

- Dr. Ivan Allen, President, CGTC;
- Dr. Mark Scott, Superintendent of Schools, Houston County School District;
- Christopher Beasley, Chief Information Officer, Houston Healthcare (HHC);
- Shellisa Houston Martin, Chief Nursing Officer, HHC;
- David Rossman, Director of Engineering, HHC;
- David Borghelli, Director of Emergency Medical Services, HHC;
- Melissa Phagan, Chief of Staff, HHC; and
- Traci Haye, Palliative Care Coordinator, Care Management, CHEERS, HHC.

The event will be facilitated by Kimberly Gunn, CGTC High School Initiatives Director, and Angie Gheesling, Houston County Development Authority Executive Director.

HCCA Principal Sabrina Phelps commented, "This summit is an opportunity for students to be exposed to the vast number of careers in Houston County, especially in the healthcare industry. At HCCA we train students for their future careers today, which is a win-win for the students, community and our local industry partners. Looking to the future and learning about the abundance of employment opportunities in healthcare is important for our students."

Students were invited to this event based on their career areas of interest and counselor recommendations. CGTC is located at 80 Cohen Walker Drive in Warner Robins. For more information, please contact Phelps at 478-322-3280 or sabrina.phelps@hcbe.net.

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