**HELP OUR HEALTH ACADEMY STUDENTS HELP YOU**

This summer, West Contra Costa Unified School District students will have the opportunity to participate in a new six-week **SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM** designed to help them gain and practice valuable learning needed to be **COLLEGE AND HEALTH CAREER READY**. Students will be able to receive **academic credit, while providing our health employer community with their talents and skills.**

Through this program, students gain transferrable work skills and health care career exposure in a wide variety of health industry settings.

**WHAT IS THE SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM?** Rising seniors from our Health Academies will spend the first week in a classroom setting working with WCCUSD Teacher Advisors focusing on career exploration, job-readiness skill development, workplace norms within the health field, and other key areas.

For the next five weeks, students will be placed in paid **WORKPLACE INTERNSHIPS** for 3 to 4 days a week with health providers where they can practice and hone their academic, technical and workplace professional skills though hands-on project-based learning and skills development with real-world work experience under the guidance and supervision of supportive adults in the workplace and through our Teacher Liaisons.

**Your partnership with us is so important! With your help, our students will learn the skills they need to succeed in a career and post-secondary education.**

* **We’re looking for PARTNERSHIPS that include paid internships in your workplace that will teach and develop critical work-based skills needed for student success.**
* **Your investment and commitment will help our students learn more about health care systems as they gain important skills. This helps build your local talent pool.**
* **You’ll be helping our students AND helping your workplace by tapping into this excellent source of energetic young talent!**

During the 5 weeks of Workplace Internships, weekly **GROUP SEMINARS** with Teacher Liaisons will give students the opportunity to share and process learning experiences collaboratively. Teacher Liaisons will **COLLABORATE WITH THE WORKPLACE** throughout the internship.

Finally, a **CULMINATING EVENT** will bring all Summer Learning Program partners, students, and teachers together to celebrate our partners and showcase student projects.

**Through this comprehensive Summer Learning Program, as students deepen their knowledge and skills in the health field, they will also be learning:**

* Initiative and Self-Management
* Communication Skills
* Response to Supervision
* Collaboration and Teamwork
* Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
* Comfort with Diversity
* Workplace Culture, Policy, and Safety
* Attendance, Timeliness, Workplace Appearance
* Quality of Work

**As you can see, your partnership with us in attaining these learning goals for our students is key in helping to grow your future workforce!**

**ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A PARTNER?**

Please contact **Terri Waller**, WCCUSD Employer Engagement Coordinator at terri.waller@wccusd.net or (510) 409-5108. Visit our Pathways website: wccusdpathways.org

**WCCUSD COLLEGE & CAREER PATHWAYS**: West Contra Costa Unified School District’s mission is to prepare students for college and their future careers. The College & Career Program of study aligned to an in-demand industry sector through our Pathways Program and promotes better outcomes for students by increasing high school graduation and college completion rates. The Career Pathway approach helps schools and the surrounding community deliver a relevant education that reflects real opportunities presented in the local economy. Through project-based and applied learning through cross-disciplinary integration in the classroom, it offers students opportunities to explore career options while preparing them to become contributing members of their community.

Earn & Learn East Bay, coordinated by the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County, expands the school and employer community’s awareness of the economy and increases educator familiarity with area businesses and jobs as well as an understanding of the challenges faced by industry.

Our program provides students with broadly transferrable skills so that, regardless of their future career choice, they have gained real workplace skills, transferrable career skills, and confidence. Through meaningful work-based learning and experience our students become more engaged and successful in high school and better able to make informed choices about their future.