



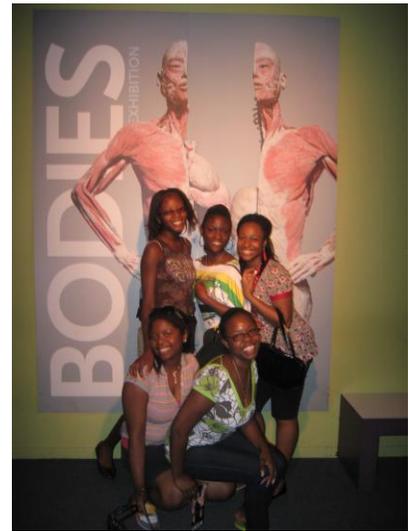
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BODIES-The Exhibition – Turning Students Heads Towards Health Careers

Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (Catskill Hudson AHEC) set a goal that would give health career-minded students the opportunity to experience the awe-inspiring Bodies-The Exhibition at the South Street Seaport in New York City in 2008. Through the sensitive presentation of actual whole-body specimens and individual organs, this exhibition reveals how the human body works by exploring it from the inside-out. In 2008, arrangements were made for two separate groups of health career minded students to attend this exhibit.



On June 7th, twenty-five Rockland BOCES Health Career Academy students and six staff members attended the exhibit, which was set up in nine different rooms where the meticulously preserved bodies were displayed. Rockland BOCES staff claimed that the Bodies Exhibit is an invaluable teaching tool for their Health Career Instructors and student reactions ranged from statements, such as, "To be able to see what we have studied in class was amazing." to, "I suggest everyone see the BODIES Exhibit, even if you are not going into the medical field." "This exhibit is amazing!"

As a follow-up to the success of the June 7th program, Catskill Hudson AHEC arranged for 50 ONC BOCES Health Occupations and New Visions students to experience the exhibit. The unique perspective of this exhibit allowed students a first-hand glimpse of the anatomy and physiology they had previously only experienced through textbooks and videos. "It brought their learning to life" and prompted many more questions and discussions than textbook learning. The exhibit made learning more invigorating, challenging and interesting to current students and may attract more young students to consider careers in the medical field.

The value of this first-hand anatomy and physiology lesson is confirmed through inspiring feedback received from the students and faculty who attended the BODIES-The Exhibition this year. Because of this, Catskill Hudson AHEC expects to continue to help support health occupation students throughout its 11-county region by providing field-trips to this unique exhibit.

For information on this and other Catskill Hudson AHEC programs, visit the website at www.chahec.org.

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