



## Hudson Valley Education

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Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center celebrates 10 years of service

HIGHLAND (January 13) - As a small, non-profit organization overseeing an 11-county region, Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is proud to celebrate its 10th year anniversary, having successfully fulfilled its mission to address regional healthcare workforce shortages through education and cooperative community relationships to assist students, healthcare career seekers, and health professionals. Under the astute leadership of Kathryn Reed, MHA, CMPE, Executive Director, Catskill Hudson AHEC has developed and implemented many successful programs with the goal of strengthening and growing the New York State health workforce. These program initiatives (targeted specifically at both rural and urban underserved communities within the Catskill Hudson AHEC 11-county region) include Scrub Club: Pathways to Health Careers; HealthMatch (physician recruitment); and our flagship, continuing education programs: Emergency Responder Leadership Academy and Nursing Summit. Cumulatively, CHAHEC has sponsored 555 programs involving 1,652 pre-medical and medical students, 4,241 nursing students, 37,252 young people between the ages of 10 to 17, and 6,583 health professionals.

“Our staff wants to thank our Board of Directors for its unwavering support and direction, our community partners and affiliates for their participation in our many programs, and our funders at the federal, state, and local levels for believing in the mission of the Area Health Education Center initiative locally, statewide, and nationally.” stated Kathryn Reed, Executive Director.

More than 45 States have developed Area Health Education Centers since Congress passed authorizing legislation in 1971. CHAHEC is one of 9 AHECs in New York State and is located in Highland, New York, the heart of their 11-county region, which includes Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Rockland, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster Counties. This region is home to 29 hospitals, serving a total regional population of over 1.5 million people.

For more information about Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center, please visit [www.chahec.org](http://www.chahec.org)