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Schoharie Cooperative Scrub Club

In a collaborative, multi-school effort and with grant support from Fenimore Asset Management, Cobleskill-Richmondville, Middleburgh, and Schoharie High Schools officially kicked off their joint Scrub Club program on October 21st at the Schohaire VoTech Center. Fifteen enthusiastic students participated in their first Scrub Club session, "Making a Life Map," giving them a clearer focus on their future and career goals. "I am really looking forward to Scrub Club because I have so many ideas about Healthcare and what vocation to go into. I am hoping that by attending Scrub Club, it will help me narrow down what I want to do," stated one of the students.

The Scrub Club program was created by Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC) to help high school students build solid futures by introducing them to a broad array of healthcare careers through interactive programs, hands-on activities, and inspiring field trips. Eleven area high schools and at-risk youth programs are currently utilizing Scrub Club as a longitudinal program, an afterschool program, a cooperative community educational effort, or they have incorporated it into their daily curriculum. The goal of Scrub Club is to engage students through encouragement and mentoring programs to demonstrate that continuing their education beyond high school can be meaningful, engaging, and relevant to their future.

"We have had great successes with the Scrub Club program throughout our region, and we are particularly excited about the Schoharie Scrub Club because it is the first collaboration between multiple high schools. It not only demonstrates a joint commitment on behalf of the various high schools, but the community partners who are making this program possible for them as well," stated Kathryn Reed, Executive Director of Catskill Hudson AHEC. "The principals of these three schools have agreed to share attendance at each of the monthly sessions, which further demonstrates their enthusiasm to the success of this program," continued Mrs. Reed.

Catskill Hudson AHEC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to address regional healthcare workforce shortages through education and collaborative community relationships to assist students, career seekers, and health professionals. For additional information on programs and services, please contact the staff at Catskill Hudson AHEC at (845) 883-7260 or visit their website at www.chahec.org.



Schoharie Scrub Club Students and Stacey Simeon, RN (top center)