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Testimony of a Dover Scrubs Club Student

The Scrubs Club program was developed by Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC) during 2012 and launched as a pilot program initiated at Dover High School during the 2012-2013 school year with 21 student members. Since that time, the staff at Dover High School has taken over implementation of the program and membership has increased to 30 students who have engaged in a variety of interactive programs, hands-on activities, and meaningful field trips designed to introduce these students to various health occupations as future career options.

On March 18th, one of those students spoke to the Eastern Dutchess Rural Health Network of her experience as a Scrubs Club member. The Network, through Hudson River Health Care, has funded both the Dover and Webutuck high school Scrubs Clubs for the past three years.

“Scrubs Club exposes us to so many aspects of the medical field and helps us find something we love!” stated Breanna Pileggi, 3rd year Dover Scrubs Club student. “It’s great to have a club that shows you what your future can look like. We go over salaries, work hours, and responsibilities. We have real-life experiences to show us what we would be dealing with when we agree to do a job. I wouldn’t be a hospital volunteer if it weren’t for Scrubs Club.” said Breanna.

Scrubs Club has been implemented throughout the Catskill Hudson AHEC 11-county region. The program’s curriculum is completely versatile and can be utilized as a longitudinal program, afterschool activity, or can easily be incorporated into daily school curriculum. For additional information on Scrubs Club, please visit www.CHAHEC.org/programs or call (845) 883-7260 to speak with a staff member.

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 professions.



From left to right: Sheila DePaola, AmeriCorps Member, Hudson River HealthCare; Breanna Pileggi and Alecia Daniela Rosado, Dover Scrubs Club Student Members; and Kathryn R. Reed, Executive Director, Catskill Hudson AHEC.

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