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### **Webutuck Scrubs Club Visits Sharon Hospital**

Webutuck High School Scrubs Club student members recently took a field trip to Sharon Hospital as part of the program's hands-on curriculum, giving them a first-hand introduction to various health occupations as potential career choices. Students began their tour through the busy Emergency Room, becoming familiar with the hospital admittance process and fast-paced work environment. They also visited the Containment Room, where patients with highly infectious diseases arrive before entering the facility. They were able to speak with a nurse who recently returned from Sierra Leone, working with Ebola patients.

After visiting the laboratory, where they got a behind-the-scenes look at how blood samples are processed and learned about the various technology used in pathology, blood typing, and screenings, the students expressed an interest in seeing the morgue. There they became fascinated with "organ jars" and saw a genuine enlarged human heart. Lastly, they went to the birthing suites, reaffirming to the students the importance of all of the health professions they explored during the tour.

Scrubs Club is a health career exploration program conceptualized by Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC), designed to introduce students to various healthcare careers through engaging, hands-on activities, meaningful field trips, and real-life experiences. Eleven program has been implemented to date in area high schools, BOCES, and community-based, at-risk youth programs throughout the Catskill Hudson AHEC 11-county region. In addition, the program is receiving national attention and has been sold to educational institutions outside the Catskill Hudson AHEC region.

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Catskill Hudson AHEC is a non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality, geographic distribution and retention of healthcare professionals and stimulating interest in health professions careers through innovative programs across its 11-county service area. For additional information on Scrubs Club, please visit [www.CHAHEC.org/programs](http://www.CHAHEC.org/programs) or call (845) 883-7260.



*Webutuck Scrubs Club Students*