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Catskill Hudson AHEC Celebrates 10-Year Affiliation with Y2Kids

Ten years ago, Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC) was approached by Alanna Smith of Orange-Ulster BOCES to participate in their Y2Kids, Careers from A-Z program at Stewart International Airport as one of approximately 250 career representatives, whose task it was to engage middle-school students in hands-on, interactive career exploration activities. Catskill Hudson AHEC accepted Alanna's invitation to demonstrate health careers to the anticipated 2,000 students expected to participate.

Each year since then it has been a welcome challenge for the staff at Catskill Hudson AHEC to develop engaging student activities.

"We always look forward to participating in this program. It has been extremely rewarding to see student interest and enthusiasm to participate in our programs" stated Kathy Doyle, Program Coordinator for Catskill Hudson AHEC. "I wish they had this type of program when I was in middle-school."

On April 20th this year, Kathy Doyle and AmeriCorp members Mariam Sow and Maria Aloe, presented a new PowerPoint game of medical True/False questions. If students got the correct answer, were able to play Plinko and win one of 4 medically-related game prizes that included mind-teasers, skeletal stickers, human organ stickers, and "the senses" rubber duckies.

Catskill Hudson AHEC is a 501c3 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 within their 11 county region in downstate New York.

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From left to right: Maria Aloe, Kathy Doyle, and Mariam Sow

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