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## HSHS St. Vincent Hospital welcomes students from across northeast Wisconsin for Healthcare Bootcamp

**GREEN BAY, Wis.** – HSHS St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay recently welcomed high school students from across northeast Wisconsin for its first Healthcare Bootcamp event of the year. The bootcamp for juniors and seniors interested in a career in health care is designed to give students a realistic look into various health care roles while also allowing an opportunity to make connections in the field.

"Through these job shadowing experiences, students are able to learn the role of the career, type of education that is required, skills that are performed, and network with our health care professionals," said Ericka Mulroy, RN, BSN, Nursing Professional Development Specialist at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital. "These students were able to experience hands-on skill sessions, and network with local universities and colleges during their time with us."

Over 20 students took part in HSHS St. Vincent Hospital's Healthcare Bootcamp on Wednesday, July 10. It included experiences in 14 different departments, which engaged students in a variety of ways and solidified their interest in health care. Students also shared that they enjoyed the positive and caring environment that HSHS St. Vincent Hospital provided them as guests. Interested students were able to talk directly to HSHS employment specialists about opportunities available to them in the field, opening a door in the health care industry before they graduate high school.

Funding for the bootcamp was provided by a generous donation made to the HSHS St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation by John and Sue Bellin. "The Foundation is proud to support the next generation of potential healthcare workers," said Johannah Wenig, Director of the St. Vincent/St. Mary's Foundation. "This community supports our hospitals in so many tangible ways, including the work we do to equip our colleagues to be the best in their field. This community outreach is key to inspiring young people to choose career paths in caring for our community."

Students from the communities of **Appleton**, **Brussels**, **De Pere**, **Green Bay**, **Luxemburg**, **Neenah**, **Oconto Falls and Seymour** participated in the bootcamp.

For those who did not take part in the bootcamp but are still interested in a job shadow opportunity with HSHS, future opportunities can be found at: <u>https://www.hshs.org/careers/job-shadowing</u>

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## About HSHS St. Vincent Hospital

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than 1,000 primary and specialty physicians and advanced practitioners through its owned affiliates <u>HSHS Medical</u> <u>Group</u> and <u>Prairie Cardiovascular</u> and its partnership with <u>Prevea Health</u>. For more information about HSHS, visit <u>hshs.org</u>.