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### Bright Works Oregon Healthcare Team Presents Diagnosis Day- Trauma Day

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#### AHECSW to Host Diagnosis Day 2015 for Area Youth at Mercy Medical Center

Reality TV has nothing on what Area Health Education Center of Southwest Oregon (AHECSW) and Mercy Medical Center have planned for Diagnosis Day 2015. Diagnosis Day is an event for Douglas County high school students interested in a healthcare career that provides an opportunity to spend a day working alongside healthcare professionals.

Set for Saturday, April 11, Diagnosis Day 2015, is co-sponsored by AHECSW, Douglas County Partners for Student Success (DCPSS), and Mercy Medical Center. Patterned after real-life health situations that patients experience, local-area students are given the opportunity to explore a number of different healthcare careers within the hospital by following a mock patient through various departments. The day is filled with simulated experiences that demonstrate the various medical events and stages a real patient may encounter. Activities include patient examination and diagnosis, touring various departments throughout the hospital, ordering lab tests, meeting with a variety of physicians are all part of the exciting and educational event.

Based on their applications and personal resumes, 27 students were chosen from Douglas County high schools to participate in this event.

AHECSW, DCPSS, and Mercy value the youth in our communities and know that they are the future healthcare workforce for Oregon. By partnering, these organizations are able to continue offering valuable learning experiences, such as Diagnosis Day, to students in our communities. AHECSW was awarded \$15,980.00 to support the expansion of the Bright Works Oregon Healthcare Team program as a sub-recipient of the Umpqua Valley Regional STEAM Hub, which is an initiative of the DCPSS. A portion of the funding received was designated to develop two hands-on career day events to help increase the learning experiences in Douglas County for STEAM related career pathways.

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