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Connecticut Area Health Education Center Network

Connecting students to careers, professionals to communities and communities to better health.



Supporting Primary Care Workforce Development in Connecticut By:

- ▶ Promoting Strong Community/Academic Partnerships
- ▶ Creating Pipeline Programs for Pre-Health Professions Students
- ▶ Supporting Health Careers Awareness Programming
- ▶ Providing Community-Based Training for Health Professions Students
- ▶ Supporting Community-Based Health Education and Screenings
- ▶ Promoting Strategies to Address Health Disparities

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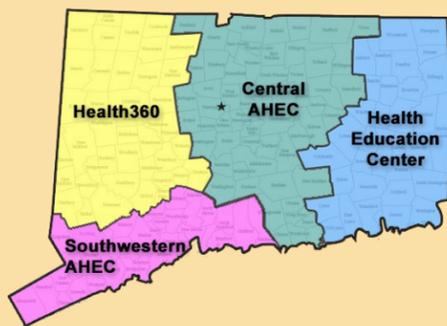
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CT AHEC Expands Secondary School Research Teacher Toolkit

In order to accomplish its primary goal of addressing health disparities through workforce development, one of CT AHEC's focuses is training educators, along with students, about health careers and other opportunities in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Through a relationship with funder Army Educational Outreach Program, CT AHEC sponsors the Connecticut Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (CT-JSHS), an annual conference focused on high school student research that draws together more than 300 Connecticut students, science teachers, UConn volunteers, and partners. Recently, CT AHEC, in collaboration with colleagues from the CT-JSHS and the CT Science and Engineering Fair (CSEF), expanded its training efforts further by holding a four-hour conference at the UConn Health Cell and Genome Sciences Building in Farmington for high school teachers interested in starting or expanding research

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programs at their schools. Speakers shared resources and guidance about how to develop a culture supportive of student research activities at the high school level.

Participating teachers benefited greatly both from the opportunities for networking and from the information on mentors and resources in STEM research that the conference provided. Leaving the conference site lined with academic posters and laboratories dedicated to medical and industry innovation, participants felt empowered to train the next generation of researchers.

Participant **Bryan Holmes**, a Thomaston High School physics and math teacher and STEM coach, noted: “This training was invaluable, as it provided clear guidance on how to give high school students a rich, rigorous educational experience through science research projects. It also enabled me to see how students could successfully compete at the state STEM competitions, especially CT-JSHS and CSEF.

The statewide Connecticut Area Health Education Center (CT AHEC) Network, based at UConn Health, is implemented through four regional centers which enable the CT AHEC Network to provide high-quality, efficient, effective and flexible services that meet local needs. Thank you for your continued support of the CT AHEC Network.

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