



CT AHEC FYI

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

CT AHEC Network Regional Centers:

Central AHEC, Inc. (Hartford, Middlesex and Tolland Counties, Meriden and Wallingford)

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CT AHEC Provides Community Benefit Through Volunteerism

Each year a group of dedicated health professions students from two universities, four campuses and six schools come together to provide service to Connecticut residents. Known as Urban Health/AHEC Scholars, the 170+ students belong to CT AHEC's Urban Service Track/AHEC Scholars Program which engages learners from UConn's Schools of Dental Medicine, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Social Work and Quinnipiac University's Physician Assistant Program.

As members of UST/AS, students are required to participate in a minimum of four community service activities annually during their first two years of the program. Their service takes many forms: teaching

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Haven Counties)
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elementary school students about oral hygiene, making good food choices or asthma management; providing health promotion education and screenings at community health fairs; participation in free community-based clinics for uninsured/underinsured community members; teaching children and youth about health career opportunities; and more.

Since 2007, Urban Health/AHEC Scholars have contributed more than 24,000 hours in service to more than 45,000 residents in Connecticut. Using the Independent Sector's "Value of Volunteer Time" calculation, these students have contributed more than \$687,000 of benefit to Connecticut communities between 2007 and 2019.

Urban Health/AHEC Scholar **Noelle Albert**, UConn class of 2020 nursing student, noted: "Through the work I have done across Connecticut, I have learned the importance of asking the community members themselves how we can best serve them. I so look forward to adopting this important step while caring for my patients in the future."

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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