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“More than just med school”

High school students learn about careers in one of the nation’s largest industries

Top executives from Mark Twain Medical Center visited both Calaveras and Bret Harte High Schools this week to share the vast array of career choices available in the medical and healthcare fields.

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Lonnie Smith and Chief Nurse Executive Katherine McCoy spoke with more than 80 students as part of the Calaveras Workforce Development Initiative (CWDI). The CWDI is a project of Calaveras County high schools, the County Office of Education, the County Board of Supervisors, Regional Community Colleges, the Mother Lode Workforce Development Board and the Economic Development Talent.

Careers in the medical/healthcare field have surpassed all other industries nationally, and growth is expected to continue into the future.

“There are lots of opportunities for good healthcare careers right here in Calaveras County,” said Dr. Smith. “The students had some really good questions. I think they got more insight into ways of entering the healthcare industry besides just medical school.”

Bret Harte student Johnna Reems said, “The healthcare career talk was very informative. I’ve wanted to be in the medical field and this talk influenced me to learn more about what I want to do before I go to college.”

For further information about the Calaveras Workforce Development Initiative, parents and students can check the website at www.calaverasCTE.org or contact Calaveras County Office of Education Superintendent Scott Nanik at 209-736-4662.

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