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More than Scrubs Houston Health Science Summit to be held for Current Students on February 3





HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Career Academy (HCCA), Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC), Houston Healthcare (HHC) and Houston County Development Authority have partnered to host the third annual Houston Health Science Summit called *More Than Scrubs* on Thursday, February 3. High school sophomores throughout Houston County have been invited to attend *More Than Scrubs* in hopes of growing a local workforce to meet the needs of Houston Healthcare, the fourth largest employer in the county. More than Scrubs will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on February 3 at CGTC's Sonny Watson Health Sciences Building, located on their Warner Robins campus.

More Than Scrubs aims to ignite an interest in both clinical and non-clinical healthcare careers, such as business administration, information technology, and HVAC/industrial maintenance.

"Houston Healthcare is pleased once again this year to partner with HCCA, CGTC, and the Houston County Development Authority to showcase the various healthcare careers, along with the numerous employment opportunities available within our local healthcare system," said Charles Briscoe, President and Chief Executive Officer for Houston Healthcare. "Through these last two years, we have seen what a difference it makes to the healthcare system when every employee comes together towards a common goal – beating this pandemic. Caring for our patients and their families takes a wide range of people from every skill and profession. Having a qualified workforce who is dedicated to doing what's right and going the extra mile is key to the success of any organization. A career in

healthcare can be so rewarding, and we encourage all those who may be interested in healthcare to find out ways to learn more."

In addition to Briscoe, students will hear from:

- Dr. Ivan Allen, President, CGTC;
- Dr. Mark Scott, Superintendent of Schools, Houston County School District;
- Siggy Tetteh, Chief Information Officer, HHC;
- Shellisa Houston Martin, Chief Nursing Officer, HHC;
- David Rossman, Director of Engineering, HHC;
- David Borghelli, Director of Emergency Medical Services, HHC;
- · Melissa Phagan, Chief of Staff, HHC; and
- Dana Cummins, Executive Secretary, HHC.

The event will be facilitated by Kimberly Gunn, CGTC High School Initiatives Director, and Angie Gheesling, Houston County Development Authority Executive Director.

HCCA Principal Sabrina Phelps commented, "This summit will highlight the vast number of careers in Houston County, especially in the healthcare industry. HCCA exists to build a qualified workforce for business and industry in and around Houston County, which is a win-win for the students and our entire community. *More than Scrubs* is just one more way we can show students in Houston County the breadth of job opportunities available to them as they graduate."

Current students who are interested in attending should reach out to their counselor to obtain the necessary permission forms. For more information on *More than Scrubs*, please contact Sabrina Phelps at (478) 322-3280 or sabrina.phelps@hcbe.net.

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