

# QUARTERLY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Summer Residential Governor's School for Medicine and Health Sciences Recap

This summer, gifted rising juniors and seniors experienced an intense four-week SRGS program at Radford University in Roanoke (June 29 - July 19). Made possible through a partnership between Radford University and the Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers, the program offered hands-on labs, immersive case studies, hospital shadowing, and a white-coat ceremony - transforming participants' passion for health sciences into purpose. Check out our [recap video](#)!

### Considering Starting an Internship Program or Becoming an Intern?

Internships offer incredible value - for both employers and interns. Whether you're looking to build future talent or gain real-world experience, internships are a win-win. Want proof? Check out these inspiring [testimonials](#)!

### Explore Careers in Health, Life Sciences & Biotechnology

Careers in health, life sciences, and biotechnology offer diverse and rewarding opportunities. We view career growth as a flexible highway with many entry and advancement points. To support your journey, we've created career maps that show how roles connect, how to advance, and where opportunities lie. These maps highlight the most in-demand job clusters in our region. Discover your path [here](#)!

### "My Way on the Health Sciences Highway"

We continue to add to our [podcast library](#), placing a spotlight on different areas of healthcare and featuring dynamic conversations from professionals and students. In case you missed them, our newest episodes discuss...

- Student Athletes
- Diabetes
- Anesthesia

Upcoming episodes will feature:

- Emergency Medicine
- Nursing
- Imaging

## **Student Ambassadors Program Ready to Welcome Next Cohort**

We wrapped up the second year of our [Student Ambassadors Program](#) in May and we're excited to welcome the next cohort in the coming weeks. From sharing their personal health career journeys to strengthening local workforce partnerships, the BRPHSC Student Ambassadors have been instrumental in shaping the future of healthcare in our community. Looking ahead to the new cohort, we're eager to continue engaging the next generation through career exploration events, mentorship opportunities, and deeper collaborations with healthcare professionals. The momentum is strong, and we can't wait to see what's next!

## **Virginia Partnership for Health Science Careers Update**

The [Virginia Partnership for Health Science Careers](#) has established two workgroups:

**Data Workgroup** - align data across health, education, and labor sectors to better forecast workforce needs, identify gaps, and support targeted solutions. Focus areas include:

1. Integrate and map existing data sources
2. Identify high-need occupations and regions
3. Model supply, demand, and pipeline trends
4. Support regional dashboards and planning tools
5. Inform policy, funding, and training decisions
6. Identify student-to-career pipeline gaps and program alignment
7. Insure data validation at the regional level

### **Legislative & Policy Workgroup -**

1. Identify barriers and opportunities common to all stakeholders that affect the supply and retention of qualified health and life science workforce
2. Research and recommend solutions for discussion with policy makers, accrediting and licensing bodies