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for Health Science Careers

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Reflecting on the Year: Gratitude and Growth

As the year draws to a close, it's a time to pause and reflect. We want to take a moment to express our deep gratitude to the dedicated individuals who work alongside us every day. Whether you're a colleague, partner, or supporter, your commitment to our shared mission is truly appreciated. Thank you for your continued efforts and collaboration.

This year, our work has never been more important. Together, we've made strides in addressing the critical workforce shortages in healthcare—helping to inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals and creating opportunities for those ready to make a difference.

But, our journey doesn't stop here. We are excited about the future and the opportunities that lie ahead. We continue to build momentum with new strategies and initiatives designed to strengthen our healthcare workforce, and we can't wait to share our plans with you. As we look to the future, we remain committed to collaboration, innovation, and driving real change. We are grateful for your continued support and partnership and we look forward to all we can accomplish together in the year to come.



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Have you watched our newest podcast episode focused on nursing? Nursing is one of the most in-demand and rewarding careers in today's healthcare industry. In this video, we explore the vital roles nurses play—from bedside care to leadership, education, and advanced practice.

Featuring:

- Gisela Lopez, CNA, Student, Galen College of Nursing
- Alicia Williams, LPN, Carilion Clinic
- Danielle Morgan, MA, BSN, RN, CPHQ, Chief Quality Officer, Catawba Hospital
- Mike Sempek, MSN, RN, CEN, Coordinator, Trauma Performance Improvement, LewisGale Medical Center
- Stephen Lovern, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, Vice President, Department of Surgery and Anesthesia, Carilion Clinic

Student Resources

In addition to our podcast, we are excited to share other resources intended for students, educators, and life-long learners who want to explore the latest trends, career opportunities, and innovations in health, life sciences and biotechnology. Our video resources provide:

- **Career Inspiration:** Learn about the variety of careers available in health, life sciences, and biotechnology. These industries offer both traditional and emerging roles in research, development, patient care, and business.
- **Skill Development:** The videos highlight the key skills needed for success in these fields and provide a roadmap for students to start building those skills.
- **Industry Insights:** Gain insider perspectives from professionals who are shaping the future of healthcare, giving viewers a clear understanding of the challenges and opportunities in these fields.

We encourage you to forward the videos below to students, educators, and anyone interested in a career in these exciting fields. The content is engaging and informative for learners of all ages.



Day in the Life of a Nursing Student -

Radford University nursing student, Alex Royston, gives an entertaining, quick glimpse of his day as a nursing student.



Exploring Pathways: Careers in Health, Life Sciences, and Biotechnology -

This webinar is focused on dynamic, high-impact careers in healthcare and features the fields of pharmacy, radiology, dispatch communications and mental health.



Career Pathways Video Simulation: Emergency Department -

This video follows a motor vehicle accident patient arriving at the Emergency Department from a medical helicopter and showcases the many roles involved in the delivery of patient care.

New Data Dashboard! - Radiology

The Center for Health Workforce at Mason (Center) has developed a statewide health workforce data dashboard to support the Virginia Partnership for Health Science Careers in nine regional efforts. The dashboard integrates employer workforce demand, academic supply, and regional labor market data into a single, standardized platform. This tool enables nine regional partners to move beyond fragmented data review toward informed, data-driven decision-making and targeted workforce implementation that supports sustainable health workforce development across the Commonwealth.

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