

### Virginia Cooperative Extension and BRPHSC to Host HOSA State Leadership Conference at Hotel Roanoke

Over 1,000 health sciences students and faculty advisors from high schools across Virginia will be at Hotel Roanoke on March 20 – 22, 2026 for the **HOSA Annual State Conference**. Students will compete in clinical disciplines and leadership roles with health professionals serving as volunteer judges and mentors. Carilion Clinic will host tours of its globally recognized Center for Simulation, Research and Patient safety, giving students an understanding of future training for in-demand careers.

#### BRPHSC Student Ambassadors to lead two workshops:

- "How to Commit Without Over Committing"
- "Standing Out Among Stand Outs"

#### Instructor Advisor Workshops:

- "Bridging the Gap Between Education & Employer Needs - Interpreting Health Workforce Data"

#### Presenters:

- Carrie Sutter, DNP – George Mason University
- Jen Meno-Denneny, DNP, FNP-BC - George Mason University
- Cynthia Lawrence – President, Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers; Director of Workforce Development, Carilion Clinic



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### Medical Imaging Podcast Episode

Check out our latest episode focused on medical imaging! Medical imaging uses advanced technology to create pictures that help doctors diagnose and treat patients. In this episode, we explore the different roles in imaging and discuss how each contributes to delivering the best possible care for patients.

#### Featuring:

- Greg Conner, Director, Carilion New River Valley Medical Center
- Dr. Alex DiFeliceantonio, PhD, FBRI DiFeliceantonio Lab at FBRI
- Romeo Easley, Nuclear Medicine Lead, LewisGale Medical Center
- Jordan Little, CMC Supervisor, Diagnostic, Carilion Clinic
- Ira Shaywitz, MD, Radiologist, Carilion Clinic
- Dorisa Thompson, Imaging Manager, LewisGale Medical Center

### Summer Learning Opportunities

Be sure to check out the newly created "**Learning Opportunities**" page on the BRPHSC website and share it with students and colleagues. Opportunities highlighted include:

- Internships

- Job shadowing experiences
- Summer programs/camps
- Mentoring programs
- Research fellowships

Students can also complete a common application to be connected with available opportunities across our region. These programs give students hands-on exposure to healthcare careers and help them connect classroom learning to real-world applications.

We invite our employer partners to share career exploration opportunities with us!



**Day in the Life:** Student Ambassadors Caydance Ramsey & Victoria Yarkova



**Day in the Life:** Dana Wang, Medical Student, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine



**Day in the Life:** Kate McMillan, Mammography Technologist, Carilion Clinic

### Be a Mentor!

Get to know the future talent you'll need! Become a mentor, share your insight, and help prepare the next generation of innovators for careers in vital fields. It's a chance to turn your knowledge into lasting change. [Apply now.](#)

### Virginia Partnership for Health Science Careers (VPHSC)

The next VPHSC meeting will be held on April 2 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Brightpoint Community College in Richmond.



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