



## **Nine MPS Students Will Receive Work-Based Internships with the Area's Largest Healthcare Employers**

*--Three of the largest healthcare employers in SE Wisconsin are holding a 'Match Day'  
to announce intern placement assignments to selected MPS students--*

MILWAUKEE – June 13, 2017 – On Tuesday, students from Milwaukee Public School's (MPS) Healthcare Careers Pipeline Initiative academic programs will learn which hospital system they will be assigned internships for the remainder of the year as part of an innovative partnership between the area's largest healthcare employer systems and MPS. This initiative is giving nine young people an extraordinary opportunity to experience first-hand healthcare occupations with the greatest future career growth. The students have been previously interviewed and selected to participate in this innovative pilot program based on criteria established by the MPS Healthcare Initiative Program – grades, attendance, good school standing and a career interest in healthcare. The health system collaborators are giving the process an element of fun by planning a 'Match Day' that simulates a 'Draft Day' in professional sports!

**The event will take place on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at Employ Milwaukee located at 2342 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, 53210. Recruiters and management leaders from Froedtert Health, Aurora Health Care and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin will be meeting with students to announce their 'picks.'**

The students are anxious to learn which healthcare system will be 'drafting' them for their work experience assignments. These nine students will be introduced to some of the most in-demand job fields within the healthcare industry, including Sterile Processing, Pharmacy, Surgery, In Patient Care, Ambulatory Clinics, Radiology, and Information Technology. Each student will acquire over 500 hours of experience across these fields by the end of the year.

The Center for Healthcare Careers of Southeast Wisconsin (CHCSEW) is a partnership between the region's largest healthcare employer systems who are working collaboratively to build a diverse, sustainable future workforce. Employ Milwaukee serves as the CHCSEW Integrating Organization Partner and coordinated this initiative by identifying young people enrolled its Career Plus program, a youth program with a strong emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) as well as Information Technology. Career Plus helps 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders plan career pathways, gain occupational skills training, and obtain work experience. The

partnership network of CHCSEW, Employ Milwaukee and the MPS Healthcare Pipeline Career Initiative Schools include North Division, South Division, James Madison and Hamilton High Schools. These schools' NAF programs provide students with intensive health and science-based curriculum, exposure to healthcare professionals and hands-on learning experiences to prepare for the pursuit of degrees and careers in healthcare.

“Milwaukee area healthcare systems, as members of the CHCSEW, are working collaboratively with MPS and Employ Milwaukee to develop a diverse and sustainable future workforce,” said Amy Rislov, Chief Human Resources Officer, Aurora Health Care, and Chair of the CHCSEW Steering Committee. “By engaging Milwaukee area young people in healthcare work experiences during their high school years, we are creating interest and excitement for high demand occupations in healthcare. CHCSEW is committed to job growth in our communities and we are excited that we can provide work experiences for students with the intent to inspire them to pursue a career in healthcare in the future.”

Healthcare is one of the fastest growing sectors of the economy. The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development predicts that over 440,000 additional skilled healthcare workers will be needed by 2022 to satisfy Wisconsin's job demand. With a growth rate of 16 percent over the next decade, healthcare employment is expected to surpass manufacturing, currently the largest sector in the Midwest.

“We are very fortunate to take part in this Healthcare Pipeline Initiative, which will open new doors for our students,” said Dr. Darienne Driver, MPS Superintendent. “I am very proud of our students, and will continue to work with our partners to provide more opportunities for them to learn and succeed.”

“We are working with our employer partners to develop the talent they need for a sustainable workforce. Our collaboration with the CHCSEW and MPS is an investment in our community,” said Earl Buford, Employ Milwaukee President and CEO. “It is imperative that we continue to connect our young people to opportunities for career pathway employment and give them the support they need to be successful and become tomorrow's business and community leaders.”

The mission of the Center for Healthcare Careers is to unite all appropriate stakeholders in a viable, flexible structure to locate, educate and support a workforce from service to professional levels in the healthcare industry in southeastern Wisconsin, with a vision to create a supply of fully skilled and capable individuals prepared to meet the current and future needs of the healthcare field. For more information, go to [www.chcsew.org](http://www.chcsew.org).

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