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NEWS RELEASE

Community Hospital to Host Mesa County Valley School District 51 High School Students for Health Care Career Day

Mesa County, Colo.--- Community Hospital is pleased to once again host area high school students for the 2023 Health Care Career Day. On Friday, March 10, approximately 60 high school students will visit Community Hospital to learn various roles and responsibilities of health care professionals.

During the half day event, there will be nine 15-minute presentations by medical and surgical nursing staff, including emergency department staff, intensive care unit and operating room staff, radiology, respiratory therapy and rehabilitation services, labor and delivery as well as the autopsy suit.

The students will follow a fictitious scenario of three patients, “Tommy Teenager” and “Melinda Mom” and her husband “Kody”, after they sustain injuries following a car accident caused by Kody resulting from a possible overdose after taking fentanyl. To launch this scenario, the students will hear a simulated radio call from an ambulance team en route to the hospital and then observe emergency medicine practice once the patients reach the hospital.

Students will follow the injured patients through a simulated clinical pathway, exposing them to various interactive learning disciplines. Each participant will see firsthand how various skilled health care professionals function in the care of a patient, what level of expertise is needed to perform those functions and how experience and training prepares health care professionals for the many challenges they face on the job every day.

Members of the media are welcome and encouraged to cover this fun and educational event. Please contact Karen Martsolf, VP of Marketing and Communications with questions or to arrange an interview with one of the presenters. Supervised video opportunities will also be available throughout the event.

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