

SCI AHEC NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

The past year has revealed unprecedented events for our lifetime. We hope for a better 2021 as vaccines are being rolled out. South Central Indiana AHEC has worked with our partners to invent new ways to continue our mission while in a remote environment. In this issue, you will learn about some of the exciting ways we have continued to promote health careers, provide clinical placements for our students and work with our AHEC Scholars in their fellowship program.

-Michael Edwards, Center Director

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SCI AHEC INTRODUCTION

South Central Indiana Area Health Education Center (SCI AHEC) is a program designed to enhance access to quality health care in a 12 county region by improving the supply and distribution of health care professionals through community and academic partnerships.

The SCI AHEC Goals:

1. Health Careers Promotion, Preparation, & Diversity
2. Community-Based Student Education & Clinical Training
3. AHEC Scholars Program
4. Professional Support & Continuing Education

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Pipeline Activities

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**Orleans High School Class of 2023
visiting IU Southeast**

SCI AHEC partners with local high schools, hospitals, and universities to give students in rural areas the opportunity to expand their knowledge about post-secondary education and health careers. We offer different activities throughout the year such as college visits, health career presentations, summer health camps, and job shadow opportunities for students. Through these experiences, students have the ability to learn more about different career options, degree opportunities, and certificate programs they can use after high school.

Clinical Placements

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In partnership with the Indiana University School of Medicine, SCI AHEC assists the school in coordinating the Family Medicine Clerkships for students placed in the South Central region. Below are some of the students who spent time in the region over this past quarter.



Rodolfo San Juan III

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Rodolfo is interested in pursuing Internal & Family Medicine and initially chose to pursue medical school because he enjoys patient-doctor interactions and how doctors can positively influence their community. During his time in the South Central region, he learned a lot about the unique barriers to care that rural patients face.



Zachary Lee

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Zachary is interested in pursuing general surgery and initially chose to pursue medical school because he wanted a career where he would never stop learning. During his time in the South Central region, Zachary learned about health maintenance of multiple chronic conditions, preventive health and screenings. He also learned how to care for and listen to patients in the outpatient setting.

Scholars Program

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The Scholars program is for students who are studying a health profession and have an interest in underserved and rural areas. The students complete online modules and community-based experiences throughout the 2 year program to deepen their understanding of rural and urban health care, caring for underserved populations, and the importance of practice transformation in a clinical care setting. Currently, SCI AHEC facilitates learning for 15 scholars, 9 of who will complete the program this May. SCI AHEC successfully graduated the first ever cohort of scholars from the program in May 2020. Contact Ashley Gilstrap to find out more about the Scholars Program and see below on how to apply for the next cohort!



Apply Today!

**AHEC Scholars:
A Community Health Care Fellowship**

<https://indianaahec.tfaforms.net/4629662>



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UPCOMING EVENTS & CONFERENCES

Indiana AHEC Network: Seeds of Change Conference : April 16th, 2021

Register now: tinyurl.com/y33h7d9g.



Indiana Rural Health Conference: June 15th-16th, 2021

Register now: <https://www.indianaruralhealth.org/annualconference>

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