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AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS GET HANDS-ON LOOK AT CAREERS IN HEALTH CARE

(SARASOTA, FL) – Students from Booker and McIntosh Middle Schools will get a hands-on look at careers in healthcare this week when they visit CAE Healthcare and Sarasota Memorial Hospital, respectively, as part of a new career explorations' series funded by the Education Foundation of Sarasota County. The series, which is part of Sarasota County Schools' EdExploreSRQ program, aims to deliver real world learning experiences for students in fields ranging from manufacturing and construction to law, biotech, the arts, healthcare and other industries.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

10am-11:30 am

CAE Healthcare, 6300 Edgelake Dr, Sarasota, FL 34240

Students from Booker Middle School will visit CAE Healthcare to meet with company owners and staff and learn how CAE has become a worldwide leader in the technology behind and production of high-fidelity patient simulators. While there, students will get hands-on experience in seeing how hospitals and medical schools around the globe use CAE simulators to help doctors, nurses and healthcare teams improve patient care and perform at optimal levels before, during and after surgical procedures.

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

10:15am-11:45 am

Sarasota Memorial Hospital, 1700 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34239

Students from McIntosh Middle School will visit Sarasota Memorial Hospital, where they will not only tour the facility but meet with staff to learn about careers in healthcare. While there, the students will engage in a series of hands-on, interactive experiences designed to teach them about the roles played by nurses, radiology staff and physical/occupational therapists at our region's largest healthcare provider and employer.

"Research shows that early engagement in career experiences helps students improve academic performance, define their career goals and increase the likelihood of pursuing a post-secondary education," says Education Foundation President Jennifer Vigne, whose staff worked closely with both the school district and leading companies from throughout the area to develop EdExploreSRQ's new career exploration series. "Our aim is not only to achieve these very worthwhile goals, but also to educate students about the incredible career opportunities that exist right here within our own community." As with all programs offered through the EdExploreSRQ program, the new career exploration series also ties student learning experiences into Florida State Education Standards and Benchmarks.

For more information, visit EdExploreSRQ.com or contact the Education Foundation of Sarasota County at (941) 927-0965.

About the Education Foundation of Sarasota County

The Education Foundation of Sarasota County is a supporting partner that exponentially enhances the educational experiences available to the children of Sarasota County. Its mission is to strengthen the community by investing in educational opportunities for the students, teachers, and schools. The Foundation works to match donor's passions with high-impact projects and initiatives that help every child in Sarasota County rise to their full potential. It achieves this mission through scholarships, access to advanced technology, supplies needed for creativity to flourish, and funds for educators' professional development. The Education Foundation of Sarasota County and its philanthropic investors are champions for students, teachers, and schools. For more information on the Education Foundation of Sarasota County, visit edfoundationsrq.org.

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