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"A Stepping Stone to a Healthier Community"

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Welcome Back!



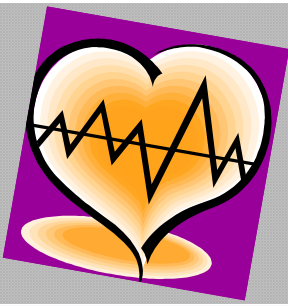
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Gear up for the new school year with an exciting opportunity for your students... a look into their future in a healthcare career!

My name is Miriam Easley and I am the Health Careers Promotions Program Coordinator for Coastal AHEC. I offer health career-oriented classroom presentations, career fairs, and other resources to aid in preparing your students for a health career. These activities can help foster educational interest for students of all ages. If you are interested in additional information or booking an event, please contact me by phone or e-mail.

I hope that you will take advantage of my helpful resources. Thanks, and I look forward to getting your students interested in health careers.

— Miriam Easley



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The Pulse:

Your lifeline to health careers

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Partnership for Innovation in Biotechnology and Life Sciences

Online Labs and Simulations created for College and Graduate School are now available to use in your 7th-12th grade classrooms.

Currently Available:

General Biology Molecular Biology
Environmental Microbiology Histology

Online Life Sciences Image Gallery

6 Educast Podcasts

Jon Willard from the Aerospace and Biotechnology Academy at San Jacinto College would like to come out to your school to train you in the use of these valuable tools in your classroom.

For more information, please contact Jon Willard at (281)998-6150 ext. 7448 or jon.willard@sjcd.edu

Spotlight: Careers in Mental Health

- Mental Health Professionals assist people in dealing with psychological, emotional, and social problems such as drug or alcohol abuse or difficulty interacting with others. They work with people from all walks of life and all age groups. Mental Health Professionals work in various healthcare settings.
- According to the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, As of January 2008, 184 of the 254 counties in Texas were designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as Health Professional Shortage Areas for mental health purposes.
- Also, it is predicted that the supply gap in mental health providers is likely to become even wider in the near future as the aging workforce begins to retire and fewer people enter mental health professions.

The following are just a few examples of careers in the field of Mental Health:

- ▶ Child Life Specialist ▶ Psychologist
- ▶ Licensed Professional Counselor ▶ Social Worker
- ▶ Marriage and Family Therapist ▶ Psychiatrist
- ▶ Psychiatric Aide ▶ Substance Abuse Counselor
- ▶ Psychiatric Nurse

For more information on careers in Mental Health, visit www.texashotjobs.org



Coastal AHEC's
"Tooth Fairy"
Children's Health Oral Program

Coastal AHEC is offering the opportunity for your class to be trained as "Tooth Fairies".

Once trained, your class can visit local Elementary Schools to teach students about Oral Health. This is a great chance for your class to gain community service experience.

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The 4th Edition is now available in print form! This is a great resource for use in the classroom for students to learn more about Health Careers!

COMING SOON:

The newest version of www.texashotjobs.org

The website offers the same career information available in the book- plus much more, featuring portals for students, parents (including financial aid information), and **now for teachers**. The new website will include a place to sign up for Health Careers news, as well as include nearly 20 health-related classroom lesson plans and supplemental materials.

Be sure to visit the www.texashotjobs.org website often so you don't miss out on this great resource.

