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Discovery Summit Expands Across Tennessee with a Hands-On Look at Healthcare Careers

Brentwood, TN – The Tennessee Center for Health Workforce Development (TCWD), a non-profit subsidiary of the Tennessee Hospital Association, is expanding its healthcare Discovery Summit event to East and West Tennessee this fall, offering students a unique opportunity to explore healthcare professions. Upcoming events include:

- Saturday, September 20, 2025 | East Tennessee Discovery Summit Location: Roane State Community College – Oak Ridge
- Saturday, November 15, 2025 | West Tennessee Discovery Summit Location: University of Tennessee – Martin, Elam Center

The Discovery Summit provides middle school, high school, and college-age students with an interactive, engaging look at the wide range of healthcare careers. Students will gain a clearer understanding of potential career paths through one-on-one conversations with healthcare professionals, interactions with academic and healthcare organizations, hands-on activities, breakout sessions, and simulation tours.

"The Discovery Summit gives students an immersive opportunity to learn about career paths, engage with healthcare professionals, and explore their healthcare interests on a deeper level. We hope they feel inspired to pursue a future in healthcare with clarity and confidence, as well as connected to opportunities that will guide them in making informed decisions about their education and future careers," said Andrew Burnett, Vice President of Workforce and Rural Health at the Tennessee Hospital Association (THA).

The inaugural Discovery Summit event last spring at Belmont University drew more than 200 attendees and featured over 50 healthcare careers. This event is part of <u>TCWD and THA's ongoing efforts</u> to address Tennessee's healthcare workforce shortage.

To learn more about the Discovery Summit, visit www.tncwd.com/DiscoverySummit.

About Tennessee Center for Health Workforce Development

The Tennessee Center for Health Workforce Development (TCWD) focuses on improving the health of Tennesseans by guiding healthcare workforce development. TCWD has been a subsidiary of the Tennessee Hospital Association since 2012. For more information, visit www.tncwd.com.

About Tennessee Hospital Association

The Tennessee Hospital Association (THA) was founded in 1938 and serves as an advocate for hospitals, health systems, and other healthcare organizations across the state. The initiatives of THA support the efforts of Tennessee's hospitals to ensure high-quality care for the patients and communities they serve. For more information, visit www.tha.com.

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