

Southwestern Colorado



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SWCAHEC Thanks All Involved in 3rd Health Careers Camp

The Southwestern Colorado Area Health Education Center (SWCAHEC) expresses sincere thanks and gratitude to all those involved in the 3rd Annual Health Careers Camp. Because of the hard work and dedication of staff and community volunteers, 27 mid and high school students from across southwest Colorado experienced various health careers.

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We are confident that because of this career camp opportunity, many of the students are encouraged to explore the possibility of a career in the healthcare field. Our future is bright!

Sincerely,
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