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### MAHEC Education Day – Jefferson City

Missouri Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) staff and participants from across the state gathered at the State Capitol in Jefferson City on January 30, 2018 to showcase MAHEC’s program and activities.

In addition to a display in the Capitol Rotunda, teams of AHEC staff and students from the seven MAHEC regions and university AHEC offices spoke with legislators, their staffs, and the public about MAHEC’s mission and programs and the impact AHEC is making to increase and support Missouri’s health care workforce.

The East Central Missouri AHEC (ECMO) team was proud to take one of their outstanding students, Eniola Gros, a first-year medical student at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine. Eniola participated in ECMO AHEC starting in her freshman year of high school, at Ladue Horton Watkins High School in 2007. She attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City and graduated with a BA in Chemistry in 2014. Ms. Gros also volunteers at one of ECMO’s St. Louis Public schools, through SLU School of Medicine’s “Doctors for Diversity” program.

Shanon Luke from Stanberry, Missouri, joined Northwest Missouri AHEC to meet with legislators about the benefits she has found through her six years of involvement with AHEC and with her local hospital in Albany. A first-year medical student and Bryant Scholar at the University of Missouri School of Medicine, Shanon has an interest in primary care medicine and returning to northwest Missouri to practice.

Curtiss Bunch, BSN, joined NEMO AHEC at the Capitol. Curtiss participated in NEMO ACES in high school and was a recipient of the MAHEC Tamra Lisy Scholarship. He is a graduate of Truman State University and currently working at University of Missouri Hospital as a registered nurse.

The Southwest Missouri AHEC had three outstanding high school students with them: Dyllon Schmehl from Willard, Missouri is a second year ACES student and serves as the president of the ACES chapter. He will major in Biology as a pre-medical student when he begins college next year. Anshul Soni, a third year ACES student, attends Greenwood Lab of the Missouri State University (MSU) Campus and will also begin college as a pre-medical student next year. He serves as an ACES Advocate in the SWMO chapter. Charity Hobson, also a third year ACES student, attends Pleasant Hope High School. She will attend MSU as a pre-medical student next fall also.

Thank you to students for sharing their experiences and to the Missouri legislators and staffs who took time to learn more about Missouri AHEC.

**MAHEC: Connecting students to careers, professionals to communities, and communities to better health**



*Curtiss Bunch, Eniola Gros and Shanon Luke at the Missouri State Capitol*

*MAHEC is a partnership of seven locally-governed organizations and three university-based health professions education programs working statewide to increase the number of Missouri youth entering stable, high-paying jobs as healthcare professionals and the number of professionals caring for underserved populations.*

*The MAHEC partners include:*

- A.T. Still University – Kirksville
- University of Missouri – Columbia
- Saint Louis University
- Northeast Missouri AHEC – Kirksville
- Northwest Missouri AHEC – St. Joseph
- West Central Missouri AHEC – Lexington
- Mid-Missouri AHEC – Rolla
- East Central Missouri AHEC – St. Louis
- Southeastern Missouri AHEC – Poplar Bluff
- Southwest Missouri AHEC – Springfield