

Career Tech Matters

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Four Adena High School sophomores are examples of the benefits of introducing students to career pathways at an earlier age.



Sydnie Havens, Brooklynn Maddux, Kayanna Noble and Becca Pollock were all in Amy Peters' Health Science Technology class that she teaches at Adena. New this year, it is the foundational course for the health science pathway.

The girls plan to pursue careers in the medical field and will get a start this summer at Adena Health System. The four are among 30 students selected to take part in Adena's Nursing Camp June 5-7.

The three-day camp gives high school freshmen and sophomores a chance to shadow nurses in specialty areas and gain hands-on training in patient care, first aid and CPR certification.

Amy provided recommendations for a few of the students and was so proud that the four girls were accepted.

Sydnie, Kayanna and Becca plan to study nursing after high school; Brooklyn wants to be a pediatrician.

All four will be in a Pickaway-Ross program in the fall.

"They will make wonderful health-care professionals," Amy said. "They are bright, outgoing, determined, hardworking young ladies."

The girls said they enjoyed Amy's class. All have known they wanted to pursue medical field careers but weren't sure about attending Pickaway-Ross until recently.



Adena sophomores Becca Pollock, from left, Sydnie Havens, Brooklynn Maddux and Kayanna Noble will attend Adena Health System's Nursing Camp this summer.

"When I learned about the magnet program, I knew I wanted to go there," Becca said of the programs that meet at Chillicothe High School.

Sydnie and Brooklyn will be in the Allied Health program there; Becca is in the Sports Medicine program but is hoping to move to Allied Health.

"I want to focus on hands-on nursing," Becca said.

Kayanna will be at main campus in Cosmetology.

"I thought (Cosmetology) would be a good way to pay for college," Kayanna said.

Josh Jones, Adena principal, said he's pleased with how Amy's class is going in its first year and expects more successes.

"I've had a lot of positive feedback. I think she's doing a fantastic job. As long as she's here, I think we'll get more and more kids signed up for the class."

He appears to be right. Amy said she has 18 or 20 students interested in her class next year, more than twice as many as she taught this year.

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