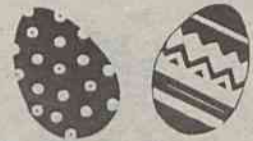




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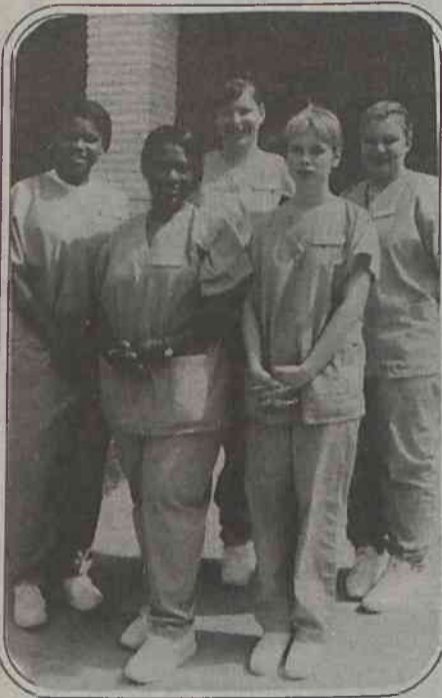
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Health Occupations Students Experience Real Medical Situations!

by Emily Nance

High school education today is more advanced than ever. Offering every student access to the World Wide Web, advanced placement classes, and outstanding vocational programs, the Stanly County Schools are preparing their students for college or the work force. A new course at AHS, Health Occupations II, is a new alternative for students who wish to enter into a health field following high school. At the conclusion of this course, participants take the Nurse's Assistant Board Exam in order to earn their Nurse's Assistant License. Instead of attending a community college, students now have the opportunity to get all their training and become licensed while still in high school so that they are ready to begin work when they graduate.

Five young ladies here at AHS are taking advantage of this outstanding program. Tiffanie Eudy, Monique Hammond, Monique Smith, Tabitha Fesperman, and Kristin Burleson have already successfully completed Health Occupations I and are now taking Health Occupations II, a course that runs for two block periods each day.



M. Smith, M. Hammond, T. Fesperman, K. Burleson, and T. Eudy are working toward Nurse's Assistant licenses.

After one month of in-class instruction, the students began their clinical experience at Britthaven Nursing Home. Working from 1:45 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., these students helped the elderly in completing the activities of their daily routine, such as bathing, brushing hair, and assistance with meals. After gaining many new friends and much experience, the class traveled to Stanly Manor Nursing Center to continue assisting the nurses. Besides assisting patients with their daily routines, the class members also helped with crafts and with parties and celebrations. After completing their internship at Stanly Manor, the girls will spend about ten days at Stanly Memorial Hospital, where each student will get to work in the following areas: labor and delivery, the nursery, cardiopulmonary, central supply, an intensive care unit, a surgery floor, a medical floor with diseased patients, radiology, and physical therapy.

After experiencing an introduction to the many branches of medicine, the students will further their internship by working in an office of their choice. Tiffanie Eudy will work for a veterinarian, and Monique Hammond and Monique Smith will work at the Health Department. Fellow students Kristin Burleson and Tabitha Fesperman will work at a family practice office. According to Tabitha Fesperman, "It's not all fun and games. I'm glad I am getting the experience, even though I don't think I'll continue my education in the medical field; however, I know I have a strong base to fall back on." Each of the girls has numerous stories about the many patients and seems to enjoy her work.

Ms. Wood, the teacher, states, "The girls have shown outstanding dedication. I am excited to see the school gaining this new program. Many nursing schools are beginning to require their students to have completed Health Occupations II before furthering their education in this field. These five girls will definitely be ready." Congratulations to these five outstanding students whose dedication to their education already has them on a career path.

'DOGS WIN SECTIONALS!

by Emily Nance

AHS Bulldogs joined the March Madness this year by winning the sectional championship! Their first victory in post-season play was against North Stokes High School with a score of 90-49. A 61-55 victory against East Wilkes High School followed and put them in the finals. The sectional final against Chatham Central was a hard-fought victory of 58-48 but earned the team the title of sectional champs! Coach Al Andrew commented on his team's victories: "The team was excited and satisfied. They learned that hard work does pay off." Even though the team lost their regional game against Cherryville, the team represented AHS well throughout the season. Congratulations, basketball team!

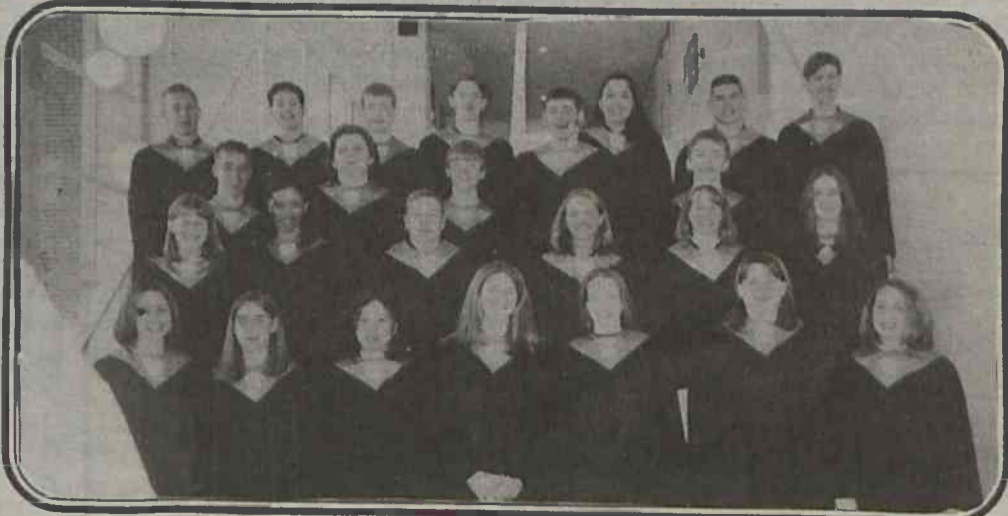


National Honor Society Inducts 25

by Emily Nance

On March 16, 1998, AHS held their annual National Honor Society tapping. Being inducted into this society is indeed an honor and only those students who maintain an "A" average and exemplify the four characteristics of National Honor Society - character, scholarship, leadership, and service - are chosen for induction into this old and prestigious society. President Emily Nance presided over the induction assisted by other NHS officers Travis Gaster, vice-president; Ellen Oettinger, secretary; and Amber Perry, chaplain.

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the National Honor Society: Tyler Baldwin, Melisa Bates, Chris Broyles, Kristin Davis, Tammy Dorman, Kendra Edwards, Stephen Efrid, Stacy Freshcorn, Greg Hathcock, Trevor Szolics, Joey Johnsen, Will Joines, Meg Mabry, Sarah Mallory, Chris Mauldin, Brinn Page, David Phibbs, Jennifer Sikes, David Taylor, Derek Taylor, Teresa Terres, Sabra Wilkinson, Carrie Winecoff, Mai Lee Xiong, and Jack Yates.



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