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Virtual Career Fair to Highlight In-Demand Jobs in Health Care

TOPEKA, KAN. - The Kansas Chamber, the Kansas Hospital Association, and the Kansas State Department of Education on Tuesday announced they will host the virtual **2023 Health Care Career Day** on Wednesday, April 19th to help students learn about what it takes to become a health care professional and to connect them with employers.



"Workforce challenges can be found in all industries. In health care, that includes those who work directly with patients to those who provide laboratory services - as well as those who support them both behind the scenes," said Kansas Chamber President and CEO Alan Cobb. "This virtual career fair will give students and educators from around the state a chance to learn about in-demand jobs in health care without leaving their classrooms."

The virtual career day will take students "inside" Kansas hospitals for a first-hand look into what it is really like to be a health care professional. They will watch career-focused videos featuring those who provide care to patients and participate in question and answer sessions that will engage them in real world learning.

"There are so many great careers in health care, each one making a difference," said Kansas Hospital Association President and CEO of the Chad Austin. "We are so excited to highlight health care careers, as these are some of the most respected, exciting, rewarding and fulfilling careers one can have. There's never been a better time to choose a career in health care."

There is no costs for students and schools to register for the career fair. It is open to all grade levels.

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"Our KansansCan vision includes having an individual plan of study for each student, beginning no later than 8th grade. Career exploration is a critical piece of the education. We want students to 'try on' careers before they graduate high school to find the one that sparks their passion. Then, we can help them begin to build their path forward," said Dr. Randy Watson, KSDE Commissioner of Education. "The Kansas Health Care Career Fair is a great example of how this can be accomplished when industries and schools partner for students. We are proud to help host this important event."

This statewide, virtual event also offers hospitals and other health care providers as well as state universities and tech colleges the opportunity to raise their brand awareness among the thousands of students, educators, and career counselors expected to attend.

To learn to register or to support the career fair, go to www.HappyinHealthCare.org

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About the Kansas Chamber

Headquartered in Topeka, the mission of the Kansas Chamber is to continually strive to improve the economic climate for the benefit of every business and citizen and to safeguard our system of free, competitive enterprise. The Chamber's vision is to make Kansas a leading state to do business.

The Chamber is member-driven and its strength comes from hundreds of Kansas employers of every size. It listens to its members, develops a Legislative Agenda and then takes the issues and concerns of Kansas businesses directly to the policymakers.

The Kansas Chamber partners with other organizations and local chambers to promote legislation and policies focused on creating a more positive business climate that allows for more jobs and economic growth in Kansas and our communities.

About the Kansas Hospital Association

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 237 member facilities, of which 123 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is: "Optimal Health for Kansans."

About the Kansas State Department of Education

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) is a dynamic, dedicated service agency that provides leadership, resources, support and accountability to the state's K-12 education system. KSDE administers the state's governance of education, standards and assessments, special education services, child nutrition and wellness, title programs and services, career and technical education, and financial aid. It is the goal of the agency to provide all Kansas children with equal access to a quality, high-level education that promotes student achievement and prepares all students for global success.

The department is governed by the Kansas State Board of Education, but the day-to-day administration of the agency is the responsibility of the Commissioner of Education, who is appointed by the Board of Education.