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One of the joys for anyone who works for an AHEC anywhere is to have a former student begin to practice in your region. Over the almost 30 years of Missouri AHEC, those of us who have been “around a while” could talk a long time about those success stories.

One story that developed over a period of years is a family medicine clinic in northwest Missouri where all 12 providers have either taught students for many years or were students themselves. All five nurse practitioners completed clinical training rotations coordinated by the AHEC, and all of them now serve as preceptors to nurse practitioner students.

Three of the physicians, all from northwest Missouri, completed clinical rotations through AHEC as medical students. Dr. Tara Brown coordinated summer workshops for our pipeline program for two years. Dr. Ben Reine was a participant in the ACES program (AHEC Career Enhancement Scholars) beginning as a junior in high school, and we met Dr. Sarah Wiederholt as a first-year medical student.

Dr. Bryan Green returned to northwest Missouri after a few years of practice in other Missouri communities. He participated in the University of Missouri Rural Track program as a medical student. Dr. Green also serves the community as a member of the local school board.

Dr. Davin Turner, Dr. Alan Brewer and Dr. Juan Dominquez have been leaders in medical student education since they began practicing in St. Joseph. Dr. Turner now serves as the president of Mosaic Life Care Clinics, supporting the medical students with lectures and administrative responsibility for NWMO AHEC. Dr. Brewer and Dr. Dominquez have both been recognized as Mosaic Life Care Physician Teacher of the Year. Dr. Dominquez was recognized as the Distinguished Community Based Faculty by the University of Missouri School of Medicine Class of 2014. These three physicians have taught more than 140 different medical and nurse practitioner students since 1997.

In addition to formal clinical rotations, all 12 providers are open to high school and undergraduate students for job shadowing experiences.

Across Missouri, there are hundreds of health professionals that offer learning opportunities to students as they do at this clinic and many more successful provider/AHEC relationship stories to share. Thank you to all Missouri health professions who teach the next generation!



Six of the 12 providers at North Pointe Family Care, Mosaic Life Care, St. Joseph, MO

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

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- Northeast Missouri AHEC - Kirksville
- Northwest Missouri AHEC – St. Joseph
- West Central Missouri AHEC – Lexington
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- East Central Missouri AHEC– St. Louis
- Southeastern Missouri AHEC – Poplar Bluff
- Southwest Missouri AHEC– Springfield