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May is National Nurse Appreciation Month

Over the past ten years, MAHEC has had the honor of working with more than 1,200 young adults who have chosen to pursue a degree in the field of nursing. We have provided extensive career exploration programming for high school students interested in becoming Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Midwives, and Nurse Educators, and have facilitated clinical training experiences for those in undergraduate and graduate programs.

Our students have come from every corner of the state and from a wide range of backgrounds, but they have all shared a common desire - to care for others. Today, in the shadow of a global pandemic, we recognize them for the heroes they are and thank them for putting the wellbeing of others before themselves. Following are a few of our former students who completed a minimum of 50 hours of pipeline programming as they explored potential career paths. They all chose careers in nursing and are now on the frontline fighting for the health of Missouri.


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MAHEC 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.

The MAHEC partners include:
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