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Students invited for summer hospital stay

Clinic internship a paid opportunity

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WOOSTER — A local physician is eager for the academic boost a new Cleveland Clinic initiative may contribute to the area.

Pediatrician Richard Maxwell is urging area high school students who are qualified to apply by the Feb. 17 deadline for a paid summer internship in science or nursing with the Cleveland Clinic.

The Clinic's Office of Civic Education is looking for top science students to participate in a nine-week Science Internship Program or Nurses of the Future program from June 12-Aug. 11.

Students selected for the sci-

ence internship will be paid \$7.75 an hour and work with physicians and researchers from Cleveland Clinic hospitals. Nurses of the Future participants, interested in the profession as a future career, will also be paid \$7.75 an hour and will work with Cleveland Clinic nursing professionals.

"We've got a lot of gifted students," Maxwell said. "I'd like to get some Wayne County students plugged in."

Maxwell is enthusiastic about the benefits possible for students working with elite research teams, getting paid for their efforts, gaining a jump on a career, and perhaps even being granted early admission to college, jump-started by their experience.

Admittedly, the program also hopes to recruit future employees for the Cleveland Clinic, one of the state's

largest employers, Maxwell said.

Dalton Superintendent Fred Blosser said he and high school Principal Scott Beatty listened to a presentation about the program.

"Both of us were very impressed by what (the speaker) had to say," Blosser said. "We're very much interested."

"We have one or two (students) we thought would be fine prospective candidates," Blosser said. "It's definitely a real potential opportunity I think would be interesting."

A few of the major eligibility requirements include being 16 years old by June 1; entering the 2006-07 academic year as a junior or senior; and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Interested students may access information and apply online at the Cleveland Clinic

Web site at www.cleveland-clinic.org/CivicEducation.

According to a press release, the Office of Civic Education Initiatives, directed by Rosalind Strickland, will develop programs in science, math, health and wellness in an effort to strengthen the educational system in Northeast Ohio, as well as to reinforce the Clinic's commitment to its investment in the area's future.

"We are proud of this new educational initiative and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on our region in the months and years ahead," said Delos Cosgrove, M.D., chief executive officer and president of The Cleveland Clinic, in the release.

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