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CLEVELAND CLINIC UNVEILS HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM Summer Science Program to Give Forty-Six Students Hands-On Experience

The Cleveland Clinic and The Cleveland Clinic Health System have launched a summer internship program that will provide 46 junior and senior high school students in Greater Cleveland with the opportunity to learn about science firsthand.

This year's summer science program begins June 13 and runs through Aug. 12. The nine-week internship is the first program launched by the Clinic's newly created Office of Civic Education and is designed to increase participating students' interest in science, literacy, and research by augmenting their learning experiences outside of the classroom.

"This program is an exciting first step for the Office of Civic Education," said Rosalind Strickland, senior director of the new office. "We have a good group of students who are ready to work hard and dive into an incredible learning experience."

Interns will gain knowledge and experience within various specialties at The Cleveland Clinic and at other locations within The Cleveland Clinic Health System. Each student will each receive \$7.75 an hour for their participation.

Students in the summer internship program's inaugural class attend 13 Cleveland high schools, in addition to Benedictine High School, Cleveland Heights High School, Early College High School, Fuchs Mizrahi School, Gilmour High School, Hathaway Brown High School, Lakewood High School, Maple Heights High School, Orange High School, Rocky River High School, Shaker Heights High School, Shaw High School, St. Edwards High School, St. Ignatius High School, Trinity High School, and Westlake High School.

(Editor's Note: Please call Natalie Guzzo at (216) 444-5703 if you would like to interview a student from a specific school.)

The Office of Civic Education Initiatives at The Cleveland Clinic is responsible for creating and sustaining education-focused community benefit planning to help strengthen the region's educational systems and reinforce the Clinic's role as a major contributor to Northeast Ohio's future.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, located in Cleveland, Ohio, is a not-for-profit multispecialty academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. The Cleveland Clinic was founded in 1921 by four renowned physicians with a vision of providing outstanding patient care based upon the principles of cooperation, compassion and innovation. *U.S. News & World Report* consistently names The Cleveland Clinic as one of the nation's best hospitals in its annual "America's Best Hospitals" survey. Approximately 1,500 full-time salaried physicians at The Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Clinic Florida represent more than 100 medical specialties and subspecialties. In 2004, patients came for treatment from every state and 100 countries. The Cleveland Clinic website address is www.clevelandclinic.org.

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