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Summer Interns Recognized at Gala Graduation Ceremony

This summer, 143 high school and college students from the Northeast Ohio region took part in Nursing, Science and Creative Learning internships at Cleveland Clinic. On Aug. 10, after nine weeks of conducting research projects and shadowing medical staff and patients, Cleveland Clinic honored the hard-working students at a gala graduation ceremony and dinner held at the InterContinental Hotel.

The perimeter of the Grand Ballroom was filled to capacity with research project posters, and throughout the afternoon, students had the opportunity to talk with attendees about their work. Attendees included proud parents, guardians, family members, community members, mentors, staff and employees from the Cleveland Clinic system.

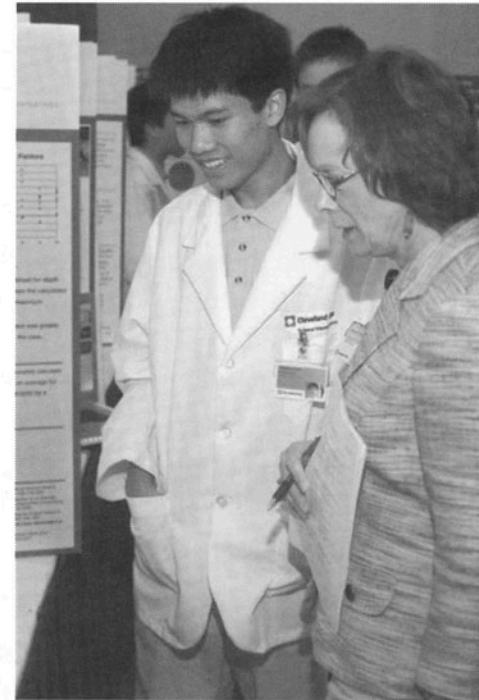
“We are celebrating our most precious resource,” said Oliver “Pudge” Henkel, Executive Director, Government Relations, at the ceremony. “We were proud to have you here this summer as part of the Cleveland Clinic family. Your work is extraordinary and it represents the type of work scientists do every day. This really bridges the gap between high school academics and real-world research. Congratulations. We appreciate you!”

Following introductions and a video featuring the interns talking about their “experience of a lifetime,” seven students had the opportunity present their research project findings to the audience. The in-depth, data-driven research projects ranged from studying appropriate antibiotic timing for surgical patients at Euclid Hospital, to understanding stress

levels of recently diagnosed cancer patients at the Beachwood Family Health Center.

“I’m proud of their work ethic, their diligence and their attitude,” said Rosalind Strickland, Senior Director of The Office of Civic Education Initiatives. “The caliber of their work was so impressive and we have such high hopes for these very talented students. We want them to stay right here in Cleveland and be our future nurses, researchers and innovators.”

Find out more about The Office of Civic Education Initiatives’ summer internship program in a special two-page insert in the September issue of Innerpulse Extra, which will soon be available in print and online.



Intern Mathew Liew, Wooster High School/Tri-County International Academy, spent the summer interning at the Wooster Family Health Center under the leadership of mentor Matthew Vossler, M.S.