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Mount Mercy Health Care Career Club Out In The Field

Mount Mercy Academy's Health Care Career Club has been extremely active in the past few weeks, exposing students interested in health care to various components of the health care industry. Members of the club must participate in a prescribed number of trips to be eligible to apply for the Academy of Science and Healthcare as juniors.

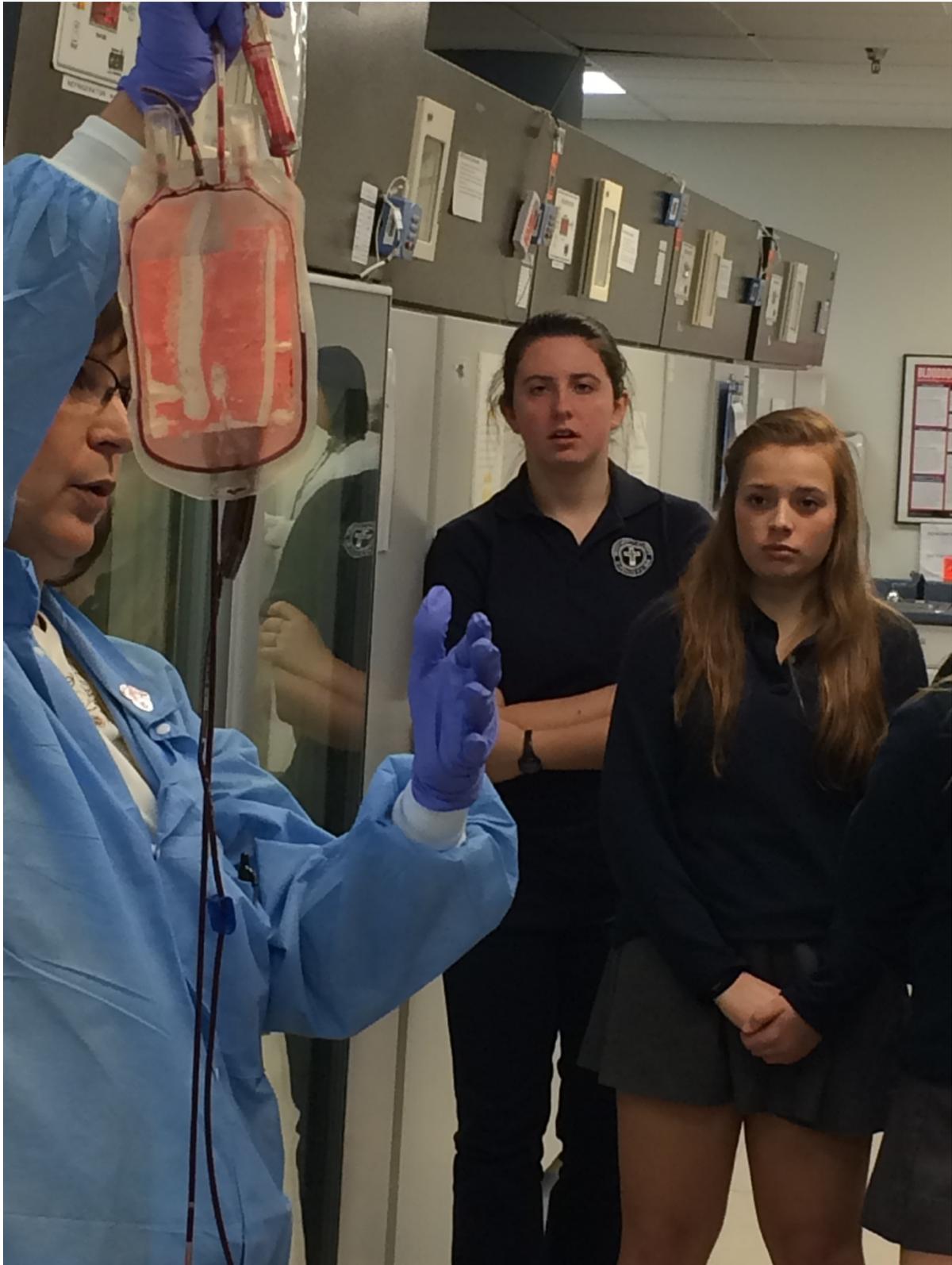
The first trip was a visit to UNYTS headquarters. The students were able to participate in several presentations during the field trip. Presentations were given about the organ and tissue donation process, as well as how to become a donor. The participants also visited the UNYTS blood center, where all the blood collected goes for distribution exclusively in Western New York. Mount Mercy will host their first UNYTS blood drive of the year on December 1st at the school. Members of the community are welcome to donate.

A visit to ECMC was next on the club's agenda. The club participated in a program entitled "Let's Not Meet BY Accident". This program stresses the importance and risks associated with distracted driving with an emphasis on how it applies to teenagers. Rural Metro Ambulance gave a video presentation as well as a tour of its facilities. Next was a tour of the ICU at ECMC where the students learned the types of cases that are treated in the ICU. The final portion of the program was a tour of the ER and an explanation of the procedures followed by the medical personnel who respond to emergencies.

The final field trip was to nearby Mercy Hospital to participate in an Emergency Drill. The students played victims in a situation where a large area was without power and the students played victims who had prior medical conditions that had previously required medical attention. The drills happen a few times per year at the hospital and often require community participation. It was just one of the drills that occurred at Catholic Health sites.



Mount Mercy at ECMC. Mount Mercy students learn about the procedures of an ER.



Captions: Mount Mercy at UNTYS. Sophomores Grace Willert and Catie Russo learn about the process of collecting blood donations

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