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Over 250 Valley High School Students to Visit CHSU Campus for Central Valley Health Network's Annual Event

CLOVIS, Calif. – Over 250 Central Valley high school students are preparing to visit the California Health Sciences University College of Osteopathic (CHSU-COM) Medicine for the 2025 Fresno Growing Health Leaders event on March 12th. The annual event hosted by the Central Valley Health Network, is designed to introduce the students to health care careers through hands-on activities, informative sessions, and immersion in the medical school Simulation Center and facility.

"One of our longstanding priorities at the Central Valley Health Network is to advocate and serve our community health centers by supporting the healthcare workforce. We are grateful to our partners, especially California Health Sciences University, for allowing us to host this event on their campus, which will inspire the next generation of the health care workforce," remarked Jason Vega, Chief Executive Officer for the Central Valley Health Network.

High schools from Fresno and Kings Counties will be bringing their students for a unique experience as part of the Career Technical Education (CTE) program designed to introduce students to careers to help them make informed decisions when pursuing career options and higher education.

Local physicians from hospitals and clinics throughout the Valley, and CHSU-COM faculty and medical students will be facilitating the activities designed to inform and inspire the next generation of health care workers and professionals.

"CHSU is proud to host the Central Valley Health Network's event on our campus," stated **John Graneto, DO**, Dean of the CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. "Our missions align to build a robust workforce of Central Valley physicians and health care professionals and improve access to health care here."

An inspiring welcome address will be provided by John Graneto, DO, Dean of the CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Graneto hopes to see many of the Valley high school students at the event attend the CHSU medical school in the future.

The news media is welcomed to attend. Video clips and photos will be available for download after the event, courtesy of California Health Sciences University.

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About California Health Sciences University

California Health Sciences University (CHSU) is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). CHSU is the first university of its kind in the Central Valley and offers a local option for medical school and a master's in biomedical sciences to help remedy the shortage of health care services offered in the Valley.

The CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine (CHSU-COM) is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). CHSU-COM currently has over 575 medical students in attendance. The inaugural class of 2024 medical students graduated in May after achieving a 100% residency match rate. The CHSU medical school will welcome its sixth cohort of over 150 students in July.

The university also offers a one-year Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS) program at its College of Biosciences and Health Professions. The first cohort of MSBS students graduated in 2024, with over 60% of the graduates now attending the CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. The CHSU master's program is accepting applications for its third cohort of MSBS students to matriculate in 2025 (link).

For more information about California Health Sciences University, visit <u>chsu.edu</u> or find them on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>Linkedin</u>.

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