

Good for You: South Fork High School nursing assistant students

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STUART — South Fork High School nursing assistant students will be another step closer to achieving real-life career experience as Keiser University provides them with new medical equipment. On Sept. 15, at 9 a.m. at South Fork High School, in a reception hosted by the high school, Keiser University will present 30 students with their own medical supply bag containing a blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, a thermometer, scissors and a pair of scrubs.

"The students are energized and looking forward to the Keiser University visit," stated Nancy Mercado, RN, BSN, nursing assisting teacher at South Fork High School. "It is such a positive thing for our students and the public deserves to know that positive things can happen when educational organizations work together," she added.

John Bowman, Community Relations coordinator for Keiser University, said the donated supplies are worth about \$1,500 and is the same equipment provided to Keiser students pursuing allied health degrees.

In making the decision to donate to South Fork High School, Bowman stated that university officials look for quality high school programs that present opportunities to students interested in high demand career fields. Last spring, Keiser University provided supplies to students in Martin County High School's medical program.

The South Fork students will also be treated to a field trip to Keiser University on Sept. 16, where they will experience first-hand a day in the life of Keiser's Massage Therapy, Sports Medicine and Fitness Technology, Medical Assisting, Radiologic Technology, and Surgical Technology students. The purpose of this field trip is for students to discover possible fields of study as they make plans for their future health-care careers.

"Keiser's ongoing, valuable support is integral to the success of South Fork High School's Academy of Health Science and Medicine," added Mercado.