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CVS and Shiloh High partner to open mock pharmacy lab

On Thursday, February 15, at 3 p.m., Shiloh High School will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the opening of its new CVS Mock Pharmacy Lab, which is an exact replica of a CVS Pharmacy. The new lab will provide students enrolled in the school's Wellness Health and Education Academy with hands-on training and on-the-job instruction. Students will learn to take, process, and fill prescription orders, as well as confirm medical coverage. They also will learn about medication inventory and the importance of handling narcotics properly.

Dr. Danyel Dollard, Shiloh High principal, is excited about the new lab and how it benefits students. She says, "The partnership with CVS transforms the teaching and learning experience for our students and staff. As an Academy School, our goal is to relentlessly pursue high-level teaching and learning. We are so thankful that CVS is partnering with us to help teach students real-world skills."

Through the Pharmacy Tech program, students can earn college credits and graduates are eligible to test for the Pharmacy Technician Certification with the GaPTCB-Georgia Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. This certification grants students the chance to work as a pharmacy tech after graduation. According to www.payscale.com, salaries for entry level pharmacy techs average \$35,000 to \$38,000 per year.

CVS Pharmacy founded in 1963, is one of the prominent national retail pharmacies and healthcare companies in the United States (www.CVSHealth.com). This partnership with Shiloh High School is an example of CVS' commitment to making a positive global footprint and to community education.

Attendees at the CVS Mock Pharmacy ribbon-cutting ceremony will include Dr. Krystal Tomlin, Gwinnett County Healthcare Science Cluster Coach, Mr. Michael Romesburg, CVS Workforce Initiatives, Dr. Regina Jackson of Walgreens Pharmacy, Dr. Darnae Parks, Assistant Director of Admissions from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), and Dr. Jiehyun Lee, Pharmacy Professor from PCOM. In addition, several Shiloh High School leaders will join Mr. Beau Pezoldt, Shiloh Academy/WBL Coordinator, and Mr. Dustin Davis, Instructional Coach for Career and Technical Education, as well as other officials from Gwinnett County Public Schools.

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