

## I champion Albany public schools because...

### **The opportunity:**

"Albany High School offers a variety of programs to prepare students for college and to allow them to investigate potential career paths. Albany Medical Center has partnered with Albany High for 12 years on an impressive Health Career Exploration Program.

"As host of the program, we have provided facilities for the daily lectures as well as in-depth access to a variety of Albany Med's services and sectors. From MedFlight demonstrations to CPR courses to presentations on bioethics and clinical engineering, students are exposed to many different medical career options."

### **The achievement:**

"The Health Career Exploration Program is a highly competitive program for Albany High seniors. Approximately 15 to 20 students are selected for the year-long program based on academic performance, teacher recommendations and a strong desire to pursue a medical career. Students rotate among several other medical organizations in the region, including the Stratton VA Medical Center, Ronald McDonald House and Senior Services of Albany.

"Based on follow-up with alumni, about 93 percent of students who go through the program advance to colleges like Duke, Cornell and Albany College of Pharmacy and work in some way in the medical profession."



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