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As part of the SAU Tech Arkansas Career Coach program, students from Camden Fairview High School participated in a job shadowing program this spring. Patricia Burks, SAU Tech’s Career Coach at CFHS, worked with four seniors to introduce them to the world of work through job shadowing.

Briana Fricks had the opportunity to shadow Tempe Crunk, Lead Dental Hygienist at Little Rock Family Dental, while Jaimaiyah Hunter shadowed women in the Business & Insurance Department there. Fricks said this about the opportunity. “My experience at Little Rock Family Dental was great! I witnessed cleanings, X-rays, and the bond that the staff has with their clients. They allowed me to visit with the patients and ask questions. Their offices are awesome and the equipment very high-tech. The whole experience made me want to work harder to achieve my goal at becoming a dental hygienist.” Hunter performed hands-on tasks while helping the Business Assistant, Rosetta Campbell, scan claims.

Nyosha Moore had the opportunity to shadow the Director of Pharmacy at Ouachita County Medical Center, Jamie Meeks. Moore said that she learned so much and her experience was second to none. Moore plans to attend the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff to major in biology/pre-med. Moore is a 2016 recipient of the Ouachita County Medical Society Scholarship and will receive $1,200 per year for 4 years, totaling $4,800.00.

Deques McClain shadowed Joe Michael Givens, Administrative Project Coordinator at Ouachita County Medical Center. McClaine was able to witness first-hand many aspects of managing an organization with numerous satellite departments. McClain speaks of his experience, “My overall experience was a very positive one. I learned so much about the coordination of projects that occur in the hospital. Working in healthcare administration is definitely something that I could see myself doing one day.”

Burks says, “I am hopeful that this experience has provided realistic career information that will assist these students in making their career choices. The participation of Little Rock Family Dental Care and the Ouachita County Medical Center were key to making this opportunity for students happen.” SAU Tech has Arkansas Career Coaches located at Camden Fairview, Bearden and Fordyce schools. For more information about Career Coach services, call 870.574.4495.