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# Press Release

## Intern Program Wraps Up

Beginning in May, two student interns began a 7 week program to assist them in gaining experience and insight into the daily operations of a hospital system and doctoral responsibilities. The two interns, Erik Calderon, an Emporia native, and Whitney Davis from Kimberling City, MO., (both students at Emporia State University) were delighted to have the opportunity to observe the inner workings of a regional hospital. “This internship has given me new perspective on all the different activities that actually take place within a hospital,” stated Whitney Davis. “This experience has really changed the way that I think about medicine.”

The interns participated in a comprehensive overview of each of the main departments within the hospital. Primarily the interns were engaged in an observation or “shadowing” role. Some of the highlights of their time at Newman Regional Health include viewing several operating room procedures and interacting with patients under the supervision of the hospital nursing staff. Erik Calderon stated, “The clinical side of the internship was my favorite part. Engaging patients in conversation and viewing their occupational or speech therapy exercises reaffirmed my desire to become a doctor.

Both Whitney and Erik are Emporia State University undergraduate students who plan to complete their degrees in December (2010) and May (2011), respectively. Whitney and Erik both hope to enroll at the Kansas University Medical School following their graduation from ESU. However, one crucial aspect of their enrollment still remains, passing the Medical College Admissions Test or MCAT. Both should know by March if they have completed that stage in their process to becoming a doctor.

The program concluded during the second week of July and a reception was held to honor the interns and those that were involved with the program. Funds for the internship program were raised by the Newman Regional Health Foundation through their National Doctors' Day Recognition and Thank You Campaign. This campaign was supported in large part by the active medical staff of Newman Regional Health and through donations of grateful patients.