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Esperanza College Hosts Third Annual Minorities in Health Sciences Symposium

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Minorities in Health Science Symposium

Friday, October 18, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Esperanza College

4261 N 5th Street Philadelphia, PA 19140

Free parking available in the Bristol Street lot

Philadelphia, PA – October 10, 2019. [Esperanza College of Eastern University \(ECEU\)](#) is excited to host the third annual ***Minorities in Health Sciences Symposium*** on Friday, October 18, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Esperanza located at 4261 N 5th St, Philadelphia, PA 19140.

ECEU's symposium will bring together nearly 300 students from the Greater Philadelphia area, including [Esperanza Academy](#) and [Esperanza Cyber](#) students, for a day of hands-on science activities at Esperanza's state of the art laboratories. Dynamic panel discussions with a diverse group of health professionals and graduate students will take place at the new [Teatro Esperanza](#) building.

Panel speakers include: Dr. Maribel Hernandez, Co-Director of the Women's Heart Initiative at Main Line Hospital; Cathy Hatcher, Associate Professor of Physiology at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; Jesse Roman, CEO of the Korman Respiratory Institute at the Jefferson University Hospital; and Dr. Nilsa Graciani, Chief STEM Officer at Esperanza and Director of STEM at Esperanza College.

Dr. Graciani explains that "exposing students early to professionals that look like them inspires them to pursue their goals and continue their education. It also gives them motivation and realization that successful people may have gone through similar struggles faced by the students on a regular basis and were able to overcome them."

The event is made possible thanks to our generous sponsors: Thomas Jefferson University, Independence Blue Cross, Penn Dental, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Einstein Healthcare Network, Econsult Solutions, PCOM, AETNA, Health Partners Plans, Penn Medicine, and Exude. Esperanza College is grateful to all of the individuals and partner organizations participating in the ***Minorities in Health Sciences Symposium*** this year.

For more information about Esperanza College ***Minorities in Health Sciences Symposium*** visit www.esperanza.us. For media coverage, please contact Joy Huertas at (215) 324-0746 ext. 480 or jhuertas@esperanza.us



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