

Input from Partners to the Academy of BioMedical Professions

The Exemplary Partnership Award

**National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC) Conference
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The following representatives from business and higher education have partnered in some way with the Academy of BioMedical Professions (ABP). Here are their responses to the following questions:

1. What was the benefit of participating in a particular partnership opportunity/event to you and to your organization/university?
2. How is this program different from similar programs with which you are associated?

Contact: Cia Bond, Executive Director, Metrocrest Medical Foundation; ABP Advisory Board member representing Community Support - Health Care Programs

Partnership/Event: When Ms Bond was former Volunteer Coordinator for two local hospitals she coordinated the necessary paperwork to provide clinical rotations for the students in the hospitals.

Response: "In order to allow students to participate in clinical rotations at the hospitals, contracts needed to be created between the hospitals and the Academy of BioMedical Professions. It resulted in a long-term relationship and an outreach to the community that provided the students an opportunity to choose what area is the right fit for their career path and to develop their skills. In addition to being the right thing to do, they are our future healthcare leaders." "The students in the Academy of BioMedical Professions are more committed than other students. And the partnership has been long-term not short term."

Contact: John Tepper, Director of Operations, IntraSafe Medical, Inc.; APB Advisory Board member representing Biomedical Engineering, participant in Career Investigation Day, coordinates field trips

Partnership/Event: Annual Career Investigation Day for the Academy of BioMedical Professions

John Tepper: "It gives me great satisfaction to tell students about the opportunities that are open to them. I think it's very important for them to make the connection between what they do in school and what they can be 'when they grow up'." But, I think I get just as much out of the experience as they do...stepping back from a busy career to reflect and tell young people what you do recharges me."

*******Contact:** Sharon Ikeler, Chief Nursing Officer, Las Colinas Medical Center; ABP Advisory Board Member representing Nursing Careers and Emergency Medicine

Partnership/Event: Career Investigation Day Participant and source for participants

Response: "I loved speaking about the nursing profession to the students and watching their face light up in consideration of the career. The excitement they showed gives me chills. You have so many different medical fields represented which gives so much back to the students and enables them to make more informative decisions when choosing career paths."

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