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HISD pharmacy and medical coding students to be honored at White Coat Celebration

May 23, 2022 – Senior pharmacy students at Jane Long Academy will receive their embroidered white coats and pins signifying that they completed the Pharmacy Technology program at a celebration this week.

The students are part of the HISD dual credit Futures Academy. Graduates obtain a high school diploma while simultaneously earning college credits, an industry certificate, or an Associate of Science degree from Houston Community College.

The White Coat Ceremony will also recognize Long Academy seniors who earned a medical coding certificate from HCC. Six students are graduating from the pharmacy program, while ten are graduating from the medical coding program.


“I want to congratulate the Class of 2022 Pharmacy Technology students and the Medical Coding Program students,” said Superintendent Millard House II. “They have worked extremely hard and persevered through very intensive internships. Now they’re certified for professional positions in the medical field.”

The Pharmacy Technology program has been in place at Long Academy for nine years. Upon graduation, the Futures Academy students can join the workforce or use their college credits to pursue a higher degree.

“I could not be prouder of each student in this program,” said Principal Marie Moreno. “When they graduate, the certified pharmacy technicians can immediately begin work at a pharmacy. Those who graduate with a medical coding certificate can work in a medical office or for a health insurance company.”


The White Coat Ceremony will be on May 25, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at Long Academy, 6501 Bellaire Blvd.

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the eighth-largest in the United States, with 276 schools and nearly 197,000 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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