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## A Note From The President

By 2008-2009 State President Cody Brazell

As this year is coming to a close, it's been an honor to serve as your 2008-09 state president. This year has been one of the best years of my life. I've made so many new friends and have learned so much. As much as I look forward to seeing you all at spring leadership conference, I wish for this year to never end. HOSA has been big part of my life for three years and I don't know what I would do with out. So I will be running for National office in June in Nashville, in hope to become the first national officer from the state of Colorado. Thanks for the amazing year.



Jesse Chaney/  
Fort Morgan Times

Students from the Health Sciences Technology program at MCC tour the radiology unit at Denver Health Medical Center.

## Hospital Tour Spurs Medical Career Interest

By JESSE CHANEY  
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A recent tour of Denver Health Medical Center may have sparked an interest in health care careers for some Morgan County students.

The local high-schoolers toured the facility last week as part of the Health Sciences Technology program at Morgan Community College. MCC Health Occupations faculty member Jennifer Boudreaux said a few of her students who were skeptical about the health care field expressed career interests in medicine after the hospital tour.

"We've been trying to show those kids what's out there," she said. "...A lot of these kids have never even left Morgan County."

During the tour, the roughly 35 high-school students representing all grade levels learned about hospital technology, food service and

the uses of various hospital rooms.

"They talked to the kids about everything," she said.

While in the hospital's cardiac area, Boudreaux said, the students learned about coronary artery disease and watched the insertion of a pacemaker from a viewing room.

An audio/visual technician showed the students how doctors communicate with other specialists around the world, she said, and he discussed the process of video surgeries.

In the hospital lab the students saw the blood-bank storage area and had the chance to investigate specimens under microscopes.

The students also visited the hospital emergency and trauma rooms and toured the extensive ambulance barn. A team of paramedics discussed the use of ambulances and showed the students many pieces of the

equipment commonly used in the vehicles.

Also on the tour was a detoxification van, she said, which is used to transport publicly intoxicated individuals to jail.

While in the kitchen, the students learned how food is prepared for patients, who are commonly placed on individualized diets.

"The kids had no idea what goes on in a hospital kitchen," she said.

Although her students saw much of the hospital, Boudreaux said, the tour only exposed a small portion of the entire hospital operation. Some of the students may have the opportunity to participate in the DHMC shadowing program to get a more comprehensive look at the operations, she said.

"We're hoping to get our kids back down there again to actually shadow people," she said.

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