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TCNJ grant from J&J to aid students in health-care field

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EWING - The College of New Jersey has received a three year-grant of more than \$100,000 as part of the Johnson & Johnson Bridge to Employment Program to establish an academic, mentoring, and career development program at Trenton Central High School's Medical Arts Academy.

The goal of the program, an educational partnership between TCNJ, the Bonner Community Scholars Corps, Ortho-McNeil, and Janssen, is to increase students' interest in health-care related disciplines.

Starting with the 2008-2009 academic year, the grant will be used to support programs in tutoring, life skills, service-learning and a summer residential experience at TCNJ for 25 students from the Medical Arts Academy, located on North Clinton Avenue. The programs, coordinated in conjunction with the Bonner Scholars at TCNJ, will introduce students to various health-care careers and teach them the necessary skills to prepare for these careers and for college. Subsequent years will offer corporate mentoring and jobshadowing, in addition to the academic and life skills support.

Upon completion of the three-year program, students will receive a scholarship that will help them pursue college education.

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