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LOCAL NEWS



Dr. Benny Lee goes over the basics of ear, eye and brain health with students from Dawson Creek Secondary School's South Peace Campus during the Northern Medical Program's Healthcare Travelling Roadshow stop in Dawson Creek Thursday. MIKE CARTER PHOTO

Healthcare Road Show stops in Dawson

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Mike Carter
Alaska Highway News

Ever try to put a breathing tube down someone's wind pipe?

Students at Dawson Creek Secondary School took turns doing just that, on a dummy patient, with varying degrees of success during the Northern Medical Program's Healthcare Travelling Roadshow Thursday morning.

The roadshow wound its way through the Peace last week. It was in Fort St. John Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and Tumbler Ridge Friday.

Dr. Sean Maurice, a Ph.D researching cell biology at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) in Prince George, has been the lead on the event since its inception in 2010.

All the presenters are either current students or recent graduates, he explained.

On hand to walk high school students through demonstrations and provide information on how to apply for certain programs were healthcare students from UNBC, British Columbia Institute of Technology, the College of New Caledonia and the University of British Columbia, as well as local Licensed Practical Nurses and health care assistants from Northern Lights College.

"The idea is that we are not getting teachers, professors or parents [presenting] because sometimes kids say, 'you

guys are old and what do you know,'" Maurice said. "And honestly, when you're 50, you might not remember what it was like to apply to get into your program."

The event began with a formal presentation, before moving to a more interactive stage where students could wander around the gym, taking in demonstrations on how the brain, eyes and ears work and different common medical procedures performed in those areas, as well as dentistry stations, X-ray, midwifery, microbiology and physio/occupational therapy stations.

Dentistry student Tanner Dobson, currently studying at UBC, says that he had never been north of Mackenzie before taking part in the tour, but after visiting the city he said he would like to practice in Fort St. John when he graduates.

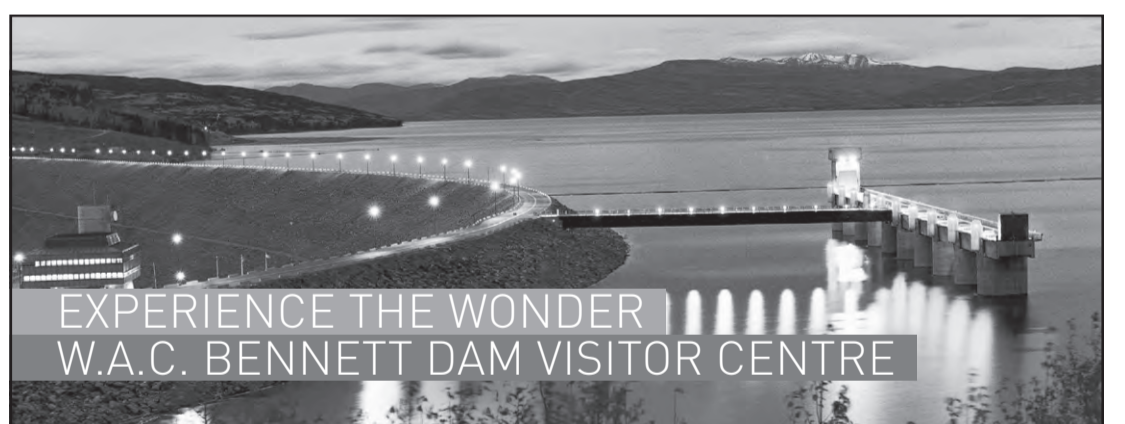
"The primary goal is that we speak to these high school students and try to inspire them to consider healthcare careers," Maurice said.

"We do this by allowing them to interact with these healthcare students who are a bit younger. They remember the admissions application process. They all have different life stories and experiences they can share."

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Dentistry student Tanner Dobson fields questions from interested students at Dawson Creek Secondary School's South Peace Campus during the Northern Medical Program's Healthcare Travelling Roadshow. MIKE CARTER PHOTO



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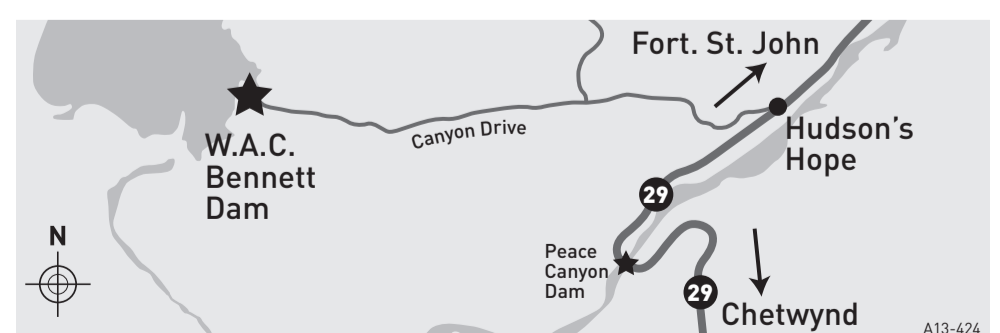
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