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The college intended to first hold the camp in the summer of 2020, but that plan fell through due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The nursing shortage and recruitment needs the camp is meant to help address have only worsened in those few years. The camp, open to rising high school juniors and seniors and college freshmen, was hosted in partnership with CCGA and Southeast Georgia Health System. The camp, intended to introduce students to the basics of the nursing profession, was designed for 64 students, which is double the number of students that the camp would normally host.

The camp, run by CCGA’s Nursing Department, included over 35 speakers and 22 sessions throughout the four-day camp. In addition to the guest speakers, the camp took place at the CCGA Wiregrass campus and the Wiregrass Children’s Hospital on the Wiregrass Medical Center campus.

Travis Simmons presented his research poster focused on using satellite data to track hurricane impacts. Travis is a computer science major with a minor in GIS and has a passion for climate and the environment. The project is part of CCGA’s Five Star Credit Union Foundation Scholarship Grant to College of Coastal Georgia incoming freshmen. Providing scholarships is one of the main ways the Five Star Credit Union Foundation helps students make their education a reality.

Bethany Hurley is an nursing major and is on track to graduate in May 2023. She is originally from Mobile, Alabama but has lived in Brunswick for the past three years. Bethany recently celebrated her white coat ceremony at Tuskegee University. “I am excited to be here and am looking forward to learning about the basics of the nursing profession,” she said. “This scholarship will make a significant difference in the lives of students and will allow them to stay focused on their education.”

Lexie Downey graduated with a dual major in Early Childhood Development and Elementary Education and is currently working full-time at the College of Coastal Georgia. She has been doing an amazing job of teaching and is now a tutor for the college. When selecting a college, I started out looking for opportunities close to home. Little did I know that CCGA would quickly become my home away from home! The amazing volleyball program, affordability, coaching skills and passion for working with children.

Matt and Jess Petrini, scholarship donors, will be leading a session. This is the first Frontiers in Hydrology conference for Matt. Matt has a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science and is a graduate student in the Department of Marine Science at Georgia Tech. Jess is a marine biologist with a Master of Science in Marine Science. Jess recently traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where they will be leading a session.

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