

National AHEC Week

April 5 - 9, 2010

What is AHEC? The national AHEC program was established by Congress in 1971 to improve the supply, distribution, diversity, and quality of the healthcare workforce, and increase access to healthcare in medically underserved areas. The AHEC theme is “*Connecting students to careers, professionals to communities and communities to better health.*” There are currently more than 50 AHEC programs with 224 centers in 47 states.

Dillon is home to the South Central Montana AHEC office and serves 11 counties from Granite to Park and Lewis & Clark to Beaverhead. The Dillon emphasis is on healthcare workforce-related issues, such as introducing, educating and steering K-12 students into

the healthcare careers and recruiting in-training, newly trained and practicing healthcare providers to Montana.

In honor of National AHEC Week, the South Central MT AHEC would like to recognize local Advisory Council members Steve Hannah - Barrett Hospital & HealthCare, and Tom Bartoletti - DMD of Sheridan for their commitment & support to the establishment and continued growth of the regional office.

For more information about AHEC, visit their website at www.scmtahec.org.

