

Doctors Restivo and Karandy Participate in Mentoring Program

ROME (September 2003)—Rome Memorial Hospital Radiologist John Restivo, M.D. and General Surgeon David Karandy, M.D., were recently recognized by BOCES for their participation in the 2003 Regional Program for Excellence, a mentoring program for students considering a career in the medical field.

Dr. Restivo, who is president of Rome Memorial Hospital's medical staff and chairman of the hospital's medical imaging department, and Dr. Karandy spent the summer with BOCES students to give them insight into radiology and general surgery, respectively.

"I participated in the program because I hope that it makes the road a little easier for these students," said Dr. Restivo. "It would have been great to have a program like this when I started my medical career," he added. "I had to go out and find my way in the medical field, and I hope that this makes the process that much easier for these students."

Dr. Karandy said that he enjoyed having the student mentor with him and that "it gave the student a chance to see what being a surgeon is all about."

"Hopefully, programs such as this will attract young people who are bright and motivated to the medical profession," he said.

BOCES Program Specialist Virginia Emmert was very thankful for the doctors' program participation. "For many students, this experience confirmed career choices; for some, Regional Program for Excellence helped them alter college and career plans. Whatever their decisions, these young people will always recall your support and advice. Thank you for your playing a significant role in our program."

Emmert also said, "Participants tell us their visits have been informative and fun. Interaction with you and your staff means a great deal to them."