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Cullman Regional Medical Center is a fully accredited medical center that serves more than 150,000 residents in a six-county area and is recognized as one of the region's finest medical facilities. The hospital is part of an extensive medical complex built in 1995 that contains some of the newest medical equipment and technology available today. Because of their commitment to top of the edge technology, Cullman Regional Medical Center is the only Most Wired Small and Rural Hospital in Alabama.

During our first day we attended the New Employee Orientation at Cullman Regional Medical Center. We were able to hear from many different administrators that all seem to emphasize the same set of values that had made their hospital very successful. They emphasized Integrity, doing the right thing for the right reason, Compassion, valuing each guest we touch, Advocacy, shows support for guest, Resourcefulness, effectively meeting the needs of our guest and the CRMC team, Excellence, participate in activities that promote excellence for the individual, the team, and CRMC. And it was very evident to me that all employees in each department followed through with the values as they did an outstanding job of caring for all of their patients.

I believe this experience will be a tremendous asset to me as well as my students. Based on the qualities we observed this week, as educators we can make a better effort in teaching our students the characteristics that would make them more successful employees for the hospital or any other business they are interested in working for. We should also be an example to our students as to how a strong work ethic and moral character are keys to success in anything they want to accomplish. Based on what I observed this week in several departments in the hospital, I believe that I will be able to identify the skills necessary to better train my students in the Allied Health Profession. Now during the school year, I will be able to perform labs that allow my students to gain hands-on-experience in the subject matter that I am teaching. This opportunity has allowed me to identify the skills and procedures I need to teach my students that will make them successful as they enter the higher-level medical classes in their career. Hopefully this opportunity will strengthen my knowledge and allow me to become a better educator and that will, in turn produce more economically savvy students.