

## **MCHS students better equipped, thanks to Keiser**

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Students in Martin County's Allied Health program now have brand-new equipment, thanks to Keiser University.

Last month, Martin County High School received a donation of more than \$1,500 worth of equipment to its medical program. The equipment was personally delivered by officials from the college's Port St. Lucie campus.

Each of the 39 medical students in the program received a supply bag containing a blood pressure cuff, a stethoscope, a thermometer, scissors and a pair of scrubs.

Martin County's Assistant Principal Virginia Skinner said acquiring these materials in the past has required a great deal of fundraising by the students.

"This is the same equipment that we give our students at Keiser," said John Bowman, community relations coordinator at Keiser.

Bowman and Keiser's campus President Barbara Loven presented the materials to the students during one of the classes at Martin County.

The students are in Lori Jasgremski's medical program at the high school.

Many of the students are studying to become a certified nurse's assistant and have the opportunity to become one by the end of their junior year of high school.

"I think (Jasgremski) does a tremendous job," Bowman said. "This is our effort to improve the health program at Martin County."

Bowman said Keiser's decision to sponsor the school's medical program was mostly based on the quality of the program, the opportunities it opens and the apparent success of the students coming from it.

Martin County High's Principal Joan Hunt said it is important to have education and equipment in the medical field.

"All of us are going to be touched by the medical profession at some point," said Hunt

to the medical students during the presentation last month. "And I'm glad to know we will be in good hands."

The new equipment will contribute to the students' medical training, school officials said.

"I can't think of anyone who can hold their heads higher than you guys going into the medical field," said Marshall Skinner, school board director of technical education.



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