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**St. Christopher's Hospital for Children Honors Graduating Interns
WorkReady Philadelphia Interns Celebrate their First Break, Step into the Workforce**

Philadelphia, June 18th: Ready for the real world? These students are. After months of working side-by-side with nurses, doctors and medical technicians and learning the foundation skills for health-care careers, 25 students graduated both high school and an apprenticeship, and prepared to head off for college or step into the workforce.

St. Christopher Hospital for Children's graduating interns – all from Olney and Kensington High Schools in North Philadelphia – completed the last year of a 3-year work-based learning program integrating shadowing days, academic credit and on-the-job training in some of St. Christopher's most challenging and high-pressure wards.

St. Christopher's is a lead partner of WorkReady Philadelphia, which offers students training and paid internships in professional, high-level work settings. Over 7,000 students a year get their first break through WorkReady, and many of the students graduating the St. Christopher's program have already been offered full-time employment.

WorkReady Philadelphia is a collaborative venture of the private sector, the City, the School District of Philadelphia, and the foundation community to build tomorrow's workforce.

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