



Victorious Jones is SuccessBound!



Victorious Jones just finished middle school, but she's already taking steps toward a career in medicine through a partnership between OhioHealth Marion General Hospital, a health service provider and the second-largest employer in the community, Marion City Schools and Marion Technical College. The partners are deeply committed to helping students prepare for and secure in-demand jobs. This partnership is a model for what SuccessBound inspires: strong communities working together.

Jones, 14, will be able to earn her medical assisting certificate while attending high school, so she can work in her field while continuing her education.

"You don't have forever to think about it," she said. Jones knows what she wants and is ready to get started on her pathway to becoming a doctor.

Her certificate will lead her to higher-paying jobs that will help her fund college and reduce student debt. This partnership will help the rising freshman experience many jobs in the health field and network with health care professionals as she trains to become a doctor.



After district studies found that nearly 60 percent of Marion City Schools' graduates were underemployed or unemployed, the district created "Diploma Plus Acceptance," which designs opportunities for all Harding High School graduates to secure acceptance to higher education opportunities, experience apprenticeships or training programs, obtain high-demand jobs or enlist in the military. SuccessBound aims to generate more pathways and opportunities for students to succeed.

OhioHealth Marion General Hospital's committed to providing a pathway for students interested in health care. It offers a health technologies curriculum where students can earn a State Tested

Nursing Assistants (STNA) and medical assistant certification prior to graduation.

This certification opens doors for students to begin their careers at OhioHealth Marion

General Hospital after graduation and earn more. State Tested Nursing Assistants earn around \$22,000 and medical assistants earn around \$28,000 annually.



This partnership is a win-win and represents everything SuccessBound hopes to inspire.

Pastor Sherry Jones, mother of Victorious and eight other children, said she's thrilled that her daughter will have the chance to enter the field she wants, and she's grateful for Marion City Schools." They make an effort to work with our children and show them they have greater opportunities," she said.

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OhioHealth Marion General Hospital also recognizes the benefits of developing a continuous pool of candidates for high-need positions. "We are able to have input on their training, so we know we are getting highly qualified candidates," said Chris Truax, chief operating officer for OhioHealth Marion General Hospital.