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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**The Laurels Helps Students' Career Futures Comes Alive**

Toledo, Ohio – May 5, 2018 – It's the end of the year for many seniors in the area who are carving out their futures with the tools they've gained in their high school careers. Local Toledo Public School seniors in the Medical Technology program at Bowsher High School have found a world of practical and applicable resources available to them as their curriculum unfolded.

When Carrie Franks, MSN, RN, Medical Technology Instructor at Bowsher High School recently took over this program, her goal was to bring the world of nursing to the students in a hands-on way. "I know that when real-life situations are encountered, learning takes place so much more naturally," commented Franks. She hoped that when her seniors were able to really up close and personal with the environment they would soon be working in, that the learning process would click together to take their knowledge to a whole new level.

As Ms. Franks was putting together the field-work, observation experiences and clinical hours in the local community for her Medical Technology students, she reached out to The Laurels of Toledo on a recommendation by another local clinician. "When we first spoke, I noticed the passion Carrie has for her role as instructor and mentor for the students she is leading," noted Jessica Tonnesen, Director of Marketing at The Laurels of Toledo. "It was exciting to connect our nursing staff with Carrie and her students so help each of our teams gain valuable and positive outcomes thru doing their clinical hours in our building," commented Ms. Tonnesen. "We know, in the end, the people who benefit most are our residents, because they bring their skills, a helping hand and a lot of love when they spend their time with us!"

Each student took away a lot of valuable knowledge, skill improvement and a better understanding of the nursing and personal care involved in our healthcare setting. According to Ms. Franks, the students who came loved their time with The Laurels. "They want to come back and visit the residents and keep asking me when they can return," Franks said. "These students have gained so much from their weeks at The Laurels and I'm so excited to see what doors open up for them in the coming months!" Just ask the Director of Nursing at The Laurels of Toledo, Keryn Werdehoff, RN, BSN, and she echoes the sentiments of the experience! "We loved having this experience with the Bowsher students! Our staff noted how professional and helpful their work was and how much the time meant to the residents they worked with too," explained Ms. Werdehoff. "We are looking forward to next year's seniors coming thru!"

The Laurels and Bowsher High School developed a unique new partnership thru the clinical hours rotation for Medical Technology students, showing that it can be a great community collaboration which helps everyone gain career movement, better developed skills and helps us all, as industry professionals, to develop more leaders in our field. The Advisory Board for the program, led by Carrie Franks, involves all the medical organizations who help support the career development of these students, discussing strategies for learning, interview skills, job connections, career outlook and more.

For more information about the Medical Technology program offered thru Bowsher High School, contact Carrie Franks at cfranks1@tps.org. For more information about The Laurels of Toledo Skilled Nursing facility please visit www.laurelsoftoledo.com.

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