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VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY SENIORS VISIT ANIMAL EMERGENCY CLINIC IN PITTSTON

Scranton, PA – April 8, 2009 – On Friday, April 3rd Johnson College's senior Veterinary Technology students visited the Animal Emergency Clinic in Pittston, PA for their Surgical Nursing II Class.

The 13 students were greeted by Stacey Harmon and Megan Biduck, two of Johnson College's former graduates whom are now full-time staff technicians at the clinic.

Harmon and Biduck guided the students through the clinic where they were able to see the endoscopy equipment, which can also remove foreign bodies from a patient. Students were also shown how this expensive tool is cleaned and maintained, as this is a duty of the technician.

The second part of the session, guided by Chris Crossley, one of the clinic's senior technicians, allowed the students to see the Computed Tomography Scanning Suite and explained how the equipment is used. A sample scan of a boxer dog brain was shown to illustrate the anatomy, and demonstrate how the equipment takes serial cross sectional images and then puts them together to form a three dimensional image.

"This was a great opportunity for our students to see graduates of our program putting their knowledge and skills to work in the real working world," Dr. Colin C. Bullmore, D.V.M. and Instructor in Johnson College's Veterinary Technology Department said. "I am sure it was a good experience for them to see their education in action."

"I thought the trip was interesting," said Kimberly Petros '09, Larksville, "We got to see a bigger facility and different machines... We got to see how different an emergency facility can be. I'd like to work [in that environment] once I get more experience in the field."

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supported by a low student-to-teacher ratio. Located in Scranton on a 44-acre campus, Johnson is an accredited, private, non-profit, co-educational institution with a strong tradition of working with regional business and industry to ensure a skilled and qualified workforce.

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