

Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences

Ribbon Cutting and Open House Celebration
September 28, 2021
2:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction	Beverley Bowman PRINCIPAL
Pledge of Allegiance	Early College Students Andre Gaddy Sadie Morton Chandandeep Chahill
Greetings from Gaston County Schools	W. Jeffrey Booker, Ed.D. SUPERINTENDENT
Greetings from Gaston College	John Hauser, Ed.D. PRESIDENT
Overview of the Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences	Beverley Bowman
Reveal of the School Colors and Mascot	Beverley Bowman and Students
Student Perspective	Emma Burger
Parent Perspective	Dr. John Burger
Teacher Perspective	Lisa Neisler
Formal Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Beverley Bowman W. Jeffrey Booker John Hauser Andre Gaddy Sadie Morton Chandandeep Chahill Emma Burger John Burger Lisa Neisler
Closing	Beverley Bowman

Guests may tour the classrooms and greet students and teachers following the program.



Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences

Providing a Pathway for a Successful Career in Healthcare

The Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences (GECMS) opened in August on the Gaston College campus in Dallas. It is an innovative, healthcare-focused high school that is designed especially for students interested in the medical field.

The new high school is a collaborative effort for Gaston County Schools, Gaston College, Belmont Abbey College, and CaroMont Health, and it is intended to develop a workforce to meet the growing demand for healthcare professionals in Gaston County.

Students are able to earn a high school diploma from Gaston County Schools and an associate degree from Gaston College in preparation for a career in healthcare. Academics focus on biotechnology, health information technology, human services technology, and nursing.

In addition to high school and college-level coursework, students participate in job shadowing experiences and gain hands-on learning in real-world settings through CaroMont Health, conduct undergraduate research, and prepare themselves for post-secondary education and/or going directly into the workforce.

Further, students can take advantage of many resources available through Gaston College that enhance their academic experience and engage them in the college campus setting. Students may decide to transfer to Belmont Abbey College where they can obtain a bachelor's degree in biology, biochemistry, psychology, social work, or related areas.

The Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences is the second Early College program for Gaston County Schools and Gaston College. It is housed in the Comer Engineering Technologies Building and operates separately from the Gaston Early College High School, which opened in 2012 and is located in the Lena Sue Beam Building.

GECMS follows the "cooperative innovative high school" model. Typically, a cooperative innovative high school is a smaller school located on a community college or university campus. It targets first-generation college students as well as students who would benefit from accelerated learning in a college environment.

Without question, the new Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences provides students with a pathway to obtain the education, knowledge, experience, and connections necessary for a successful career in healthcare right here at home.

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