

RURAL HEALTH DAY

Date: **Saturday, April 11, 2026**

HSC North Room 2940A&B

9:00am – 9:30am Check-in and Coffee

9:30am – 9:45am Welcome and Introductions: by Linda Nield, M.D., *Associate Dean of Admissions and Co-Director of the Rural Scholars Program, WVU School of Medicine Education*

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9:45am – 10:30am Presentation: Introduction to Rural Medicine and Culture by Dr. Larry Rhodes, *Executive Director, WVU Institute for Community and Rural Health*

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10:30am – 11:30am Rural Health Panel Discussion with rural practitioners from across the state discussing their stories of how and why they became rural clinicians in WV

11:30am – 11:40am Break *Drawing for iPad and Amazon gift card

11:40am – 12:40pm Student Panel with current rural-focused students

12:40pm – 1:30pm Lunch

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

In Stiches – Class Room A&B 3511 and 3512

Seeing is Hearing - (CSPL B) Clinical Skills Performance Lab 3640

Dental Dynamics - (CSPL A) Clinical Skills Performance Lab 3630

Behavioral Medicine Group Therapy - (Orthopedic Residency Learning Center) 3701

Rehydration Break – Room 3509 HSC South

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Time	Concurrent Sessions			
1:30-2:15pm	In stitches	Seeing is Hearing	Dental Dynamics	Behavioral Medicine
2:15-3:05pm	In stitches	Seeing is Hearing	Dental Dynamics	Behavioral Medicine
3:05-3:15pm	Rehydration Break			
3:15-4:00pm	In stitches	Seeing is Hearing	Dental Dynamics	Behavioral Medicine
4:00-4:45pm	In stitches	Seeing is Hearing	Dental Dynamics	Behavioral Medicine

HSC Room 2940A&B 4:45 pm – 5:00pm Concluding Remarks by Christie Zachary, MS, *Program Director for student Outreach and Marketing, WVU Institute for Community and Rural Health*, Evaluations and T-shirts

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Break-out session descriptions

In Stitches: Learn how to suture a wound using a synthetic skin pad and surgical instruments.

Seeing is hearing: Get experience using a hand-held ultrasound machine while learning about when and how ultrasound scans are used.

Dental Dynamics: Mock extractions, sports dental injuries, and oral hygiene.

Behavioral Medicine: Mock interviews and group therapy session.

For more information about WVU Rural Health Day, please contact Christie Zachary, MS, Program Director for Student Outreach and Marketing, WVU Institute for Community and Rural Health by e-mail at icrh@hsc.wvu.edu.