



Congratulations to the first graduates of the Black Hawk College Surgical Technology Program!

Eleven students recently earned the inaugural Surgical Technology Associate in Applied Science degree. Surgical technologists are in demand - nine of the students had jobs lined up before they graduated May 16.

The two-year program launched in August 2017. During their two years of study, the students completed 120 cases in general surgery and four specialties through clinicals at local medical centers.

"I am so thankful for the amazing community support for hosting students in medical centers in the area," said program director Marcie Davis.

The Black Hawk College program prepares students to function as part of a team in the operating room setting. This includes preparing instruments, setting up the operating room and assisting with the care of patients undergoing surgery.



Pictured are:

- Front row - Dieynaba Ndiaye of Moline, Katelyn Wamper of Andover, Morgan Helgerson of Bettendorf, Karen Costilla of Rock Island and Makayla Sheehan of Sherrard
- Middle row - Shannon Honsa of Rock Island, Taylor Wood of Tampico, Mikaela Trudeau of Dixon, Mayra Bretado of Kewanee, Brandy Downey of Hillsdale and Kali Lee of Taylor Ridge
- Back row - Program director Marcie Davis and clinical instructor Katy Thomas

For more information about the Surgical Technology Program, contact Marcie Davis at davismar@bhc.edu or visit [Black Hawk College Surgical Tech webpage](#).

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