



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **MAHEC CEO Is Featured Presenter at Rotary Club of Highlands**

*Speakers available for groups seeking information about MAHEC*

**Asheville, NC | June 20, 2023** — The CEO of Mountain Area Health Education Center was the featured speaker at the June 20 meeting of the Rotary Club of Highlands. William “Bill” Hathaway, MD, provided members an overview of MAHEC, the largest nonprofit employer in Western North Carolina:

- MAHEC educates and trains current and future healthcare professionals through its residency and fellowship programs, continuing professional development courses, and student pathway programs. Fully one-third of family medicine doctors in Western North Carolina were trained at MAHEC.
- MAHEC provides patient care through multidisciplinary teams that work together to address patients’ physical, mental, and emotional needs across the lifespan as well as non-medical drivers of health. MAHEC has family medicine, ob/gyn, internal medicine, psychiatry and mental wellness, and dental clinics in numerous locations in Buncombe County and beyond, as well as two community pharmacies.
- MAHEC partners with community-based organizations and those most impacted to improve equitable access to opportunities for well-being.

In the academic year 2022-2023, 185 physicians, dentists, and pharmacists trained in MAHEC’s graduate medical education programs. There were more than 100,000 attendees at MAHEC continuing professional development programs.

In 2024, MAHEC will celebrate 50 years of serving the region. Business, civic, and community groups interested in learning about MAHEC are invited to [contact us](#) about scheduling a presentation.

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#### **About MAHEC**

Established nearly five decades ago, MAHEC – Mountain Area Health Education Center – is a leader in healthcare, education, and innovation. Headquartered in Asheville with satellite offices in [various locations](#) across its 16-county Western North Carolina service area, MAHEC is the largest of nine [Area Health Education Centers](#) in North Carolina. With more than 1,100 employees, MAHEC’s mission is to

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recruit, train and retain the workforce needed to create a healthy North Carolina, with a focus on primary care in rural communities and those with less access to resources.

MAHEC's 14-acre Biltmore campus is also home to [UNC Health Sciences at MAHEC](#), an academic health center in partnership with UNC-Chapel Hill that includes programs from the UNC School of Medicine, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy, and UNC Adams School of Dentistry. A private, [501\(c\)3 nonprofit organization](#), MAHEC will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2024. For more information, visit [mahec.net](http://mahec.net) and follow MAHEC on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#).