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TUPELO, Miss.— Participating in North Mississippi Medical Center's recent Physician Shadowing Program were (front row, from left) Brooke Harris of Florence, a student at Mississippi State University; Deani Haggerty of Biloxi, MSU; Maggie Blackwell of Tupelo, Mississippi College; (back row, second from left) Charles Runyan of Starkville, MSU; and John Huffman of Tupelo, Hendrix College in Conway, Ark. The Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi funds the program through the P.K. Thomas Jr., M.D., Endowed Scholarship Fund. Coordinating the program were (back left) Dean Hancock, HCF president, and Rosalyn Campbell of NMMC's Employment Services Department. Students in the Physician Shadowing Program must have completed their second year of college in pursuit of a medical career. During the program, they spend time with family physicians, surgeons, radiologists, cardiologists and emergency physicians. Each student receives hourly compensation, a lab coat and support materials. For more information, call (662) 377-3245 or 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375).