Job Shadows on Groundhog Day

Neurosurgeon Alexandra Golby, MD, left, and aspiring surgeon Asyaonna Clark, a junior at Madison Park Technical and Vocational High School, examine an MRI scan of the brain during a brain tumor removal surgery.

As part of the 12th annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day, BWH welcomed 19 students from three city high schools to shadow employees and learn about the many career opportunities available in a hospital. Students learned about respiratory care, nursing, cardiac perfusion, pulmonary and critical care medicine, human resources and radiology, among other fields.

Launched jointly by the Boston Private Industry Council and the Boston Public Schools in 1996, Groundhog Job Shadow Day was established to introduce Boston students to the world of work. The Boston Private Industry Council is a business-led intermediary organization that connects the youth and adults of Boston to education and employment opportunities. BWH President Gary Gottlieb, MD, MBA, is chair of the Boston Private Industry Council.

High school junior Asyaonna Clark looks up from the coronary artery bypass graft operation to observe an echocardiogram during last week’s Job Shadow Day.