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Approximately 140 Queen of Peace High School anatomy and physiology juniors and seniors visited Advocate Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn to observe an open heart operation last month.

Live from the Heart – a collaborative effort between Advocate Christ Hospital and the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry – allowed students to watch an entire double-bypass surgery as it took place. Through a video/audio feed, students asked questions during the operation. After surgery, students also heard from surgical nurses and the anesthesiologist.

“Students received a visual representation that went way beyond what could be provided by overhead pictures, notes or textbook illustrations in the classroom,” Peace science teacher Jeanne Pagliaro said. “Students were provided with an understanding of a surgical procedure that saves lives and saw what it truly takes to become a surgeon.”

Peace students also were impressed with what they experienced. Many students shared that they found the day fascinating.

“I loved being able to have the opportunity to see an actual open heart surgery. The experience was amazing and I am going to carry that with me throughout my life since I am interested in going into the medical field,” one student anonymously commented after the Feb. 25 day trip.

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