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Essential workers as career role models



Callee Bartolotta corresponded with Maggie Rustowicz, above, a nurse at Oshei Children's Hospital. Ella Campas corresponded with St. Louis pediatrician Dr. Shannon MacGregor, right.



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Jillian Manns corresponded with animal trainer Chris Fiels, below. Above, Lisa Smith of the Buffalo Zoo corresponded with Kaylee Fatta.



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