PREMEDICAL PROGRAMS NEEDS YOU!

Your support is critical to the continuing success of Premedical Programs. If you are currently in health professional or graduate school or working in a health care profession, the Premedical Programs office is interested in hearing from you! We would like to know about your current training or career and your professional activities. You are our success stories and great role models for students.

Would you like to provide a mentoring opportunity for students? We are always on the lookout for internship, volunteer and shadowing opportunities for students, and it’s especially meaningful when they have the opportunity to interact with UD alumni.

To share your information or be a resource for UD students, please visit surveymonkey.com/r/UDhealthcareconnection. To complete the survey, please visit our website for more information and to contact PREMEDICAL PROGRAMS NEEDS YOU! (see Page 4).

In May 2015, 17 students joined Dr. Kathleen Scheltens on the first Premedical Programs Global Brigades adventure. The group traveled to Nicaragua where they teamed up with students from Syracuse. The UD students staffed the dental unit while the Syracuse students staffed the medical clinic.

Since that trip, there have been five additional brigades in which a total of 370 UD students have traveled to Central America to help provide medical and dental care. The past two years, students have also completed public health projects as our brigade to Nicaragua expanded to be a nine-day medical/dental/public health brigade. These projects have included building outdoor structures for individual families that include a latrine, washbasin and shower. In addition, students have learned the fine art of moving cement (by hand) and laying concrete on dirt floors of families’ homes so as to improve their environmental conditions and prevent disease.

Summer 2015

NEW PRE-PA CLUB STARTED AT UD

The UD Pre-PA Club held its inaugural meeting in January 2015. The UD Pre-PA Club was developed to provide students interested in the physician assistant profession opportunities to learn more about the field and to prepare for potential matriculation into a P.A. program. All were surprised to find 96 students at the first meeting.

Colleges at UD’s physician assistant program were a great resource for this new student organization. Ms. Sue Wulf, director of the UD P.A. program, helped secure P.A. students and faculty to form panels and host events. The semester of bimonthly meetings included a P.A. student panel, application workshop, mentor activity, specialty panel and senior send-off ice cream social. The club was involved in two community service projects and created their club T-shirt. The UD Pre-PA Club looks forward to a full year of events in including an expanded shadowing program.
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UD students building outdoor structures in Nicaragua
during the 2015 public health brigade.

with the shift toward mandatory electronic medical records (EMR), a new professional opportunity has evolved. The medical scribe is usually a student (often premed) who is paid with a physician to transcribe the physician-patient meeting including diagnosis, orders, prescriptions and plans. This year, UD students got the opportunity to train to be medical scribes when local physician Dr. Kim Kwiatek, owner and proprietor of ABC Scribes, began teaching a minicourse on campus called “Implement a Class on Healthy Cooking for Living Community Group.”

reach out community intern, she was
teaching assistant for the Reach Out training minicourse and also coordinated several projects between UD and Reach Out. Amend was on-site in the evenings, mentoring students who volunteered in the clinic. She also worked with a UD learning community group to develop and implement a class on healthy cooking for high school students in a low-income area. Plans are in the works for even more ways for UD students to learn about health care and give back to the Dayton community through this valuable community partnership.

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