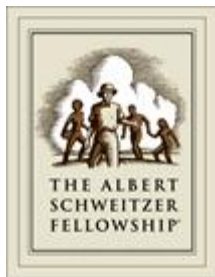


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“I am Albert Schweitzer”

Local students accepted to prestigious Schweitzer Fellowship Program

Gillian Farrelly and Ivania Quesada, students of the Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions have joined the ranks of new Schweitzer Fellows. Honoring the legacy of Dr. Albert Schweitzer by committing to a year of service with a community agency, Gillian and Ivania, and eleven other 2007-2008 Schweitzer Fellows will each devote more than 200 hours of service to local communities lacking access to adequate health services. The mission of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship is to reduce disparities in health and health care by developing “Leaders in Service” – individuals who are dedicated and skilled in helping underserved communities, and whose example influences and inspires others.

Delaware Valley Schweitzer Fellows are chosen through a competitive selection process from the nation’s top health and human service schools, including Drexel University, Temple University, St. Joseph’s University, Widener University, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Nationally, Fellows serve for one year, working with local community agencies in Baltimore, Bay Area, Boston, Chicago, Delaware Valley, New Hampshire/Vermont, North Carolina, and Pittsburgh.

*I am very excited to be part of the Delaware Valley Schweitzer Fellows Program. I am positive that we all can come together to help reshape Philadelphia communities. — **Gillian Farrelly***

*The Delaware Valley Schweitzer Fellows Program will give me the opportunity to help children with behavioral problems through the use of dance.—**Ivania Quesada***

Gillian and Ivania’s area of focus during her year of service will address Learning Life Skills, a Dance Movement Therapy approach: Using choreography/dance to address psychosocial development of children at the Caring People Alliance @ Fels South Philadelphia Community Center. Other Schweitzer Fellows’ areas of focus include organizing programs for SIDS prevention; comprehensive health insurance enrollment; Hepatitis B education and screenings; providing spiritual/pastoral care to local transgender and intersex individuals; project cleaning and greening: empowering youth about environmental health; promoting health education for homeless school age children; and providing cardiovascular health education to Haitian immigrants.

Once Fellows have completed their year of service, they join a network of over 1,500 Schweitzer “Fellows for Life,” across the United States and abroad. Virtually all continue their commitment to lives of service in many cities and towns around the country and around the world. Because the work of the Fellows is donated without charge to the communities served, each city’s program is supported through charitable gifts.

Since its inception in 1991, the Schweitzer Fellowship has provided more than 278,000 hours of service to the communities it serves.

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