

Welcome the 2007-2008 Delaware Valley Schweitzer Fellows

We are pleased to announce the selection of our inaugural group of Delaware Valley Schweitzer Fellows. As has been reported in previous issues of Health Policy Newsletter, the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship is a national program which provides students in health-related disciplines an opportunity to design and implement projects intended to improve the health of underserved communities. Jefferson's Department of Health Policy (DHP) serves as administrative home for the recently-launched Delaware Valley program, one of the first expansion sites for this national initiative.

Applicants were invited from over 80 graduate programs in the Philadelphia region, southern New Jersey, and Delaware. With assistance from DHP faculty and members of the Program Advisory Board, 22 applicants were screened, and 12 selected:

- Betty Chung, UMDNJ medical student, will provide Hepatitis B education and screening in the Asian community
- Gilliam Farrelly and Ivania Queseda, Drexel University dance movement therapy students, will employ choreography and dance to address psychosocial development of adolescents
- Rachel Kadakia and Melessa Yee, Drexel University medical students, will help uninsured clients of the 11th Street Family Health Clinic apply for health insurance
- Devra Noily, a divinity student at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, will provide spiritual/pastoral care to trans-gender and intersex individuals
- SuJung Park, a Drexel University medical student, will provide health education and schoolwork assistance to youths in homeless shelters
- Michael Rovito and Julie Tippens, in Temple University's Public Health program, will facilitate development of a school-based community garden, to empower youth and neighborhoods and promote community health and environmental justice
- Sheila Salvant-Valentine, a physician and Widener University health law student, will develop cardiovascular disease education and risk reduction programs for Delaware's Haitian immigrant community
- Behnaz Sarrami, a Temple University podiatry student, will provide podiatric screenings and related health services to homeless shelter residents
- Alana Wright-Benton, studying health administration and health education at St. Joseph's University, will provide education on SIDS prevention and child CPR to mothers of newborns in community shelters

The Fellows will conduct their projects over the next year, devoting at least 200 hours to community service over the course of the year.

Opportunities to sponsor a Fellow are available. Please contact Nicole Cobb, MAOM, Program Coordinator (nicole.cobb@jefferson.edu) for more information.