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 270 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 mixing cement (by hand) and laying concrete on dirt floors of families’ homes so as to improve their environmental conditions and prevent disease.

January 2016 will mark our seventh brigade. Fifty-eight students have already been accepted to the brigade and will begin their fundraising this summer. They will help secure $11,000 worth of medications and supplies for the brigade. These students will also participate in a minicourse in the fall where they will learn about the people who will be served, plan and implement fundraising projects and prepare for the brigade. Special thanks to the many alumni who have provided financial support on our fundraising site and/or purchased a ticket to our fundraising dinner at El Meson, a Central American restaurant in Dayton. If you would like to donate to our 2016 brigade, please visit empower.ohio.udayton.edu/University-of-Dayton-Medical-Public-Health-Brigade-January-2016-Nicaragua. Thanks!

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. Colleagues 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 hosted 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.

The Ohio ETA chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta (National Premed Honor Society) is going strong! There are presently 93 active members including 20 pledges who successfully completed the pledging process and were initiated this spring. To be an active member requires that members successfully maintain a required number of points obtained through participation in AED functions and involvement in service projects. Eligibility for AED membership requires a health care-related major and a 3.2 science GPA and 3.2 cumulative GPA.

Several speakers and panels provided presentations at AED meetings this year, including a visit from UD alumna William Krebs, D.O. ’08, who spoke about his journey from UD through medical school and residency. Service projects completed by AED this year included a blood drive, participation in the UD Dance Marathon, Relay for Life, Christmas on Campus and a blood marrow registry drive. Social events included the “Meet the Prof” Luncheon, Pledge Retreat, Member Cook-Out and Senior Send-Off Dinner. AED members are also provided opportunities for shadowing and participation in community service.

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. If you would like to provide financial support directly to Premedical Programs, you may donate online at givenow.udayton.edu. Under "Donation Information" and "Fund," select "Other" and specify "Premedical Programs" in the comments section. Thank you so much for your generosity!
UD students building outdoor structures in Nicaragua during the 2015 public health brigade.

2015 MEDICAL & DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATES

Sara Aklaik (BCM) New York U College of Dentistry
Nathaniel Adams (MED) Wayne State U SOM
Kathryn Anderson (MED) The Ohio U College of Dentistry
Joseph Asher (MED) U of Kansas SOM
Jessica Beebe (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Kevin Bogoschueff (EPS) Butler U Master of P.A. Studies
Kevin Carroll (MED) A.T. Still U Kirksville COM
Mary Cook (B.S) U of Pittsburgh Kentuckiana COM
Tim Cutter (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Joseph Ebersole (B.S) Vanderbilt U SOM
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Sam Fesemeyer (MED) Marian U COM
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2015 GRADUATING SENIOR AWARDS

William John Porter received the Joseph E. Scherger, M.D., M.H.S. Leadership in Medicine Award, which is presented to a graduating premedical student who has demonstrated leadership toward improving the health of the public through better health policy. Porter was also the recipient of the Brother Francis John Zoil Memorial Award, which is determined by vote from the Alpha Epsilon Delta Delta membership, recognizing a graduating AED member who best demonstrates the qualities of unselfishness, community service and academic achievement. Porter is living the Appalachian Trail while applying to medical school.

Austen Roebke received the Montgomery County Medi- cal Society Award, which goes to the outstanding senior in a premedical curriculum. Roebke will attend The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Mary List received the Miami Valley Academy of Family Medicine Award, which is awarded to the graduating senior whose activities exemplify the philosophy of family medicine. List will attend the University of Lou- isville School of Medicine.