
On February 10, 2014, the Center for Global Health sponsored a Strategic Planning Workshop for ABUKLOI, which is an international partnership founded by Old Dominion University (ODU) alumnus, Angelo Maker. Mr. Maker's story is one of triumph over incredible hardship. When he was only seven years old, he was forced to witness as his mother and two brothers were murdered when his village was attacked during Civil War in South Sudan in 1983. Subsequently, Mr. Marker joined a group of orphans, called The Lost Boys of Sudan, who struggled for many years to survive in the face of starvation, military conflicts in Ethiopia and Sudan, and life-threatening attacks from predators such as alligators. It was not until 2001 that the US government rescued the Lost Boys of Sudan, providing them with an opportunity to educate themselves for the purposes of returning to Sudan and helping the Sudanese people a forge a better future. Mr. Maker earned part of that education right here at ODU, where he was awarded a double Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Political Science.

ABUKLOI represents part of Mr. Maker's vision for helping to revive his homeland. Although ABUKLOI is centered on providing primary and secondary education to children in Sudan, its goals are diverse. They include goals related to education, health care, safety, workforce development, spiritual formation, community development, and self-sufficiency. Rev. Robert Parson from ABUKLOI explained why the organization's goals are

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At the invitation of Patronato Cibao rehabilitation center, Dr. Gail Grisetti, Associate Professor, School of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training and Dr. Jonna Bobzien, Assistant Professor Department of Communication Disorders and Special Education traveled to Santiago, Dominican Republic in early December to discuss the implementation of an advanced specialized training program for members of the rehabilitation team in a newly created center dedicated to the treatment of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The new center was built to address the unmet needs of children with ASD, who, due to limited resources, have few opportunities to receive speech, occupational or physical therapy. During the visit, Dr. Grisetti and Dr. Bobzien had the opportunity to meet with the Center Director, members of the rehab team who will receive the advanced specialized training, as well as parents of children with ASD who currently receive therapy at the Center.

In consultation with Dr. Muge Akpinar, and with support from the Center for Global Health, a proposal has been prepared to provide a 4 phase training initiative which would culminate in an onsite visit with three days of clinical training. To assist with the onsite clinical training, a multidisciplinary team of speech, occupational and physical therapists has been recruited from Dominion Physical Therapy Pediatric Center in Newport News. This center has an active program which provides comprehensive care to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The Pediatric Center is a clinical practicum site for ODU DPT students and is owned by Allen Jones, a member of the Advisory Board for both the School of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training, and the COHS.

The training is scheduled to begin this spring and to continue over the coming months. The project represents a unique partnership between programs at the University and the local community to address health needs internationally.



Associate Dean, Richard Benjamin, Senator Lynwood Lewis, Jr. and nursing students, Elisa Hendrix and Brittany Mitchell. The senator represents the District 6.

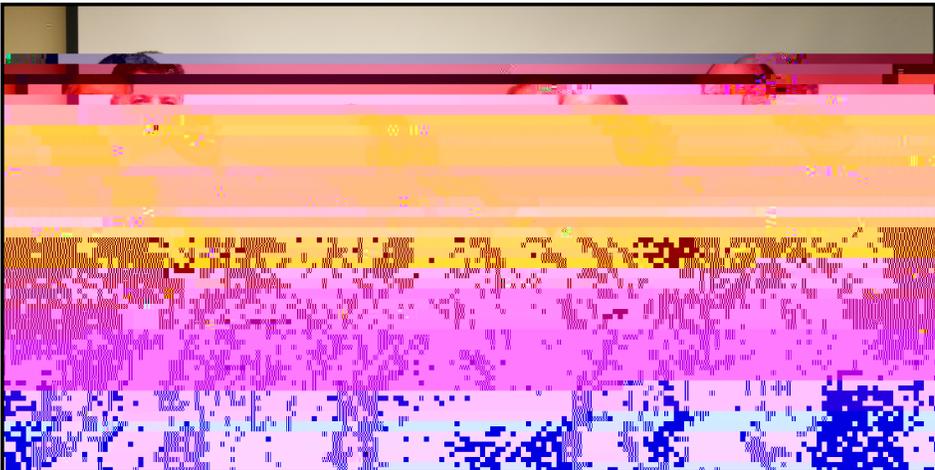


The Center for Global Health at Old Dominion University is very pleased to announce new Certificate Program in Global Health beginning in Fall 2014. Dr. Akpinar-Elci for the director of the center stated, “This program offers obvious benefits to health science professionals. But, **THIS PROGRAM HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE BENEFICIAL TO ALMOST EVERYONE IN ANY FIELD.** For example, an engineer might be asked to design a water purifying system. If he or she understands the underlying public health concerns associated with doing so, that system is going to be much stronger and much safer. And, in today’s world, diseases and other health concerns don’t recognize borders, so engineers need to understand the **BIG PICTURE**—the global health picture—

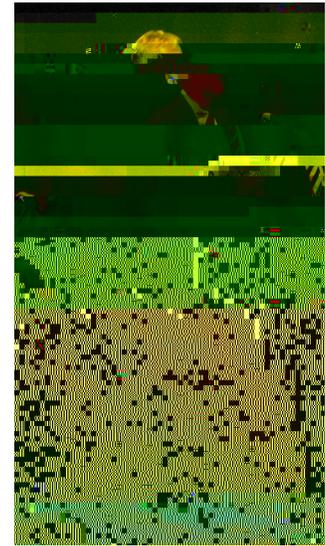
Upcoming Events

March

April



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On February 24, Dr. Jürgen Osterbrink, Austria, gave a presentation for students on "Pain Management: From Theoretical Basics to Clinical Practice-

". This marks the start of the School of Nursing initiative to invite a "Visiting Scholar" to campus each year.

The School of Nursing is partnering with Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters to host the annual "Creating a Culture of Safety... Together" presentation for 2014. The ODU presentation will begin at 2 pm on Thursday, March 27th in the Big Blue room at the Constant Convocation Center. The event is open to all Health Sciences students.

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