



BUCKEYES WITHOUT BORDERS

Purpose

Buckeyes Without Borders (BWB) is a graduate interdisciplinary global health student organization at The Ohio State University. BWB members represent the disciplines of audiology, dentistry, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, public health, social work, speech language pathology, and veterinary medicine.

BWB strives to foster Global Health awareness and the benefits of an interdisciplinary health care team on positive patient outcomes to its members through outreach and education to the OSU, Central Ohio, and Global communities.

Impact

Beginning in 2009, BWB student member Cara Whalen forged partnerships between the Ubumwe Community Center (UCC), The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium's Partners In Conservation (PIC), and BWB to enable an interdisciplinary team of faculty and students to travel to Gisenyi, Rwanda annually to provide health education and service to the UCC.

Three years of preparation with partners in Rwanda (UCC), Columbus (PIC), and students, faculty, and staff at OSU culminated in five interdisciplinary student members of BWB travelling to the UCC in June 2012. This trip to Rwanda is now the annual international service opportunity for BWB members and an international service-learning course is currently being developed.



OHIO STATE COLLEGES/UNITS INVOLVED

DENTISTRY
MEDICINE
NURSING
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
PHARMACY
PHYSICAL THERAPY
PUBLIC HEALTH
VETERINARY MEDICINE
THE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER FOR GLOBAL HEALTH
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
GLOBAL GATEWAYS

COMMUNITY PARTNERS INVOLVED

UBUMWE COMMUNITY CENTER (UCC)
THE COLUMBUS ZOO AND AQUARIUM'S PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION



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