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WELCOME BACK!
With their first priority, being to find a job, healthcare is the last worry on the Latinx day workers' mind. Bright and early, the day workers head to a non-profit organization called Casa Latina to be entered in a drawing for job opportunities. While they are hopefully waiting for their names to be called, medical and dental students can provide care for them.

**TEETH & TOES**

The medical students, AL-SHIFA, provide blood pressure and blood glucose testing. The dental students give head and neck exams and dental screenings for the first visit to Casa Latina. The medical and dental students paired up and shared the procedures that they were doing. It was a great opportunity to reach out to the people in need.

**TRAVELING CARE**

On October 19, the first traveling care outreach event of the school year took place at Casa Latina. At the crack of dawn, the UW van is loaded with traveling care equipment, ranging from Aseptico units and mobile dental chairs to ultrasonic cleaners. We occupied three spaces, one space was set up for triage, another for radiology, and the last one for treatment. The MTI van also served as another place for treatment. Patients would be taken through triage, where they would get their blood pressure checked, head and neck exam, and a dental screening. After that, they would head to the radiology to have their x-rays taken. Lastly, they would head upstairs to the treatment room. Treatment can consist of extractions, fillings, and cleaning. We tried to treat as many patients as possible and had a great turnout. We learn more about how to run an efficient clinic each time.

**SOUTH KING COUNTY HEALTH FAIR**

On October 5, the dental students and faculty provided care at the South King County Fair in Auburn. For the past 9 years, the fair provides access to health and community services to hundreds of Latinx and community members in South King County. With the help of the Medical Team International (MTI) Van, we were able to provide treatment for 27 patients. We were also able to direct patients to the aid that they need, such as help with applying to health insurance or referring them to clinic nearest to them.
In early November, an outreach event was held at a women’s center in downtown Seattle. Mary’s Place serve as a safe haven for women who are struggling to support themselves. The medical and nursing students gave footcare to the women and that was quite a hit. The dental students were able to provide dental screenings and oral hygiene education to about 20 women. A couple of the dental students were able to sit in on one of the foot care sessions with a patient. Likewise, medical and nursing students could observe dental examinations and fluoride placement. The women at Mary’s Place were very grateful for the services that were given.

Early morning on November 23rd, the van was packed with the mobile equipment and we were ready to set off for Mary’s Place in Burien. Mary’s Place was very lively and families were eager to get dental work done. The staff at Mary’s Place were very helpful and they had organized a list of patients. The dental students paired up with each other and were able to rotate through each station, triage, radiology, and treatment. Drs. Ashland Doomes, Marty Anderson, and James Newman provided excellent supervision of students.

In late October, the OEPD Team had the pleasure of attending the Latino Health Forum. Throughout the day, we listened to inspirational and admirable speakers who are very involved in the healthcare field. The speakers presented on topics surrounding inequities and cultural sensitivity in healthcare, especially for the Latinos. During the poster session between the speeches, Chelsea Stone, Nora Coronado from the School of Medicine, and Dr. Beatrice Gandara were able to present their pilot project, Dare to Dream Health Science Academy. We were also able to promote our ongoing program, Community Health Professions Academy (CHPA).
Health and Homelessness is an elective course that aims to provide context to the care we offer in the community. The quarter started with an exciting and informative Q & A panel with Dr. Newman, Dr. Jeffrey, Kayleigh Daniel and Alan Lopez. While listening to the tips and experiences of the faculty and upperclassmen, students munched on banh mi sandwiches. In the next Health and Homelessness session, Kayleigh Daniel and Alan Lopez provide an overview of Traveling Care. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Gandara reviewing post-exposure protocol. In the last session, we had the honor of having Dean Gary Chiodo give a great lecture about the history and the overview of HIV/AIDS treatment in the US.

Husky Health Bridge

Stronger than ever, the Husky Health Bridge (HHB) is buzzing around, attending to patients on most Saturdays this autumn quarter. HHB’s vision is to provide the poor and the underserved with access to comprehensive healthcare through interprofessional relief efforts, education and advocacy in the state of Washington. With the help of Medical Teams International (MTI), HHB made frequent visits to Tent City 3 (TC3) in Tukwila. HHB prioritizes dental care for homeless populations. They have influenced many lives and will continue to do so, in their future endeavors.

Husky Smiles

The mission of Husky Smiles has always been to address the problem at the root which means to acknowledge the importance of dental care as young as a toddler. Husky Smile’s goal is to improve the oral health of high risk children and their families by providing dental education and primary preventative care. They work with the Center for Pediatric Dentistry in hosting educational events and caries screenings. Most of their oral hygiene education are done through tabling events. The dental students use colorful illustrations, games, and rewards to show children the importance of oral hygiene. At screening events, dental students deliver knee to knee exams, caries detection exams and apply fluoride on children. Husky Smiles, like other volunteer opportunities, encourages patient interaction. In addition, it focuses on children, which is beneficial for dental students who are interested in pediatrics.
Union Gospel Mission (UGM), located in Pioneer Square, provides resources such as emergency food and shelter, an addiction recovery program, and dental and mental health services for homeless individuals. Recognizing dental care as a top unmet need for both men and women, groups of 6-8 dental students partner with UGM staffs, Juanita Banks and Sherena Freeman, provide dental care at UGM dental clinic. Untreated oral disease can affect clients’ general health and impact the ability to apply for jobs when they have missing teeth, visible cavities, or bad breath caused by periodontal disease. Each quarter on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, under the supervision of UWSOD faculty, students provide the clients with basic dental services valued at thousands of dollars per session.

Community Health Professions Academy (CHPA), previous known as Dental Academy, is an enrichment program that provide career guidance and support for underrepresented high school students in Washington State. The program consists of 8 Saturday sessions in which healthcare professional students, faculty and OEPD AmeriCorps members volunteer their time to provide hands-on experiences such as suturing, impression-taking, waxing teeth, and more. During each session, local healthcare professionals and students talk about their journeys to their professions. Scholars also learn about preparing for a health professional career and the wide variety of ways to promote health in their communities.

After a long hiatus, the Northwest Career and Technical Academy (NCTA), outreach program in the Skagit Valley is back in operation! In the past, NCTA collaborated with Safe Harbor Free Medical Clinic, Medical Teams International and MEDEX give dental care. Services include medical history review, vital signs assessment, blood glucose monitoring, head and neck examination, radiographs, dental cleanings, restorative care, oral surgical procedures and oral hygiene instruction. On November 16, the first return event teamed up dental students with Safe Harbor clinic and Medical Teams International and provided dental care to eight patients.

In 2020, services will be occurring at both the Safe Harbor clinic site and at NCTA as we rebuild the program. Sessions will occur monthly and if you are interested, please sign up here:
NCTA (MTI Only): https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e48aaac2da7ff2-ncta
NCTA (Big Event 03-07-2020): https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e48aaac2da7ff2-ncta1
Access to Care project aims to improve the oral health and well-being of the people in underserved communities. Numerous outreach programs plan and organize events that includes free dental screenings, oral health education and even treatment. Our AmeriCorps members will support and promote the work of our students, faculty and staff of the dental school in their endeavors of providing care.

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In September, OEPD facilitated collaboration with SmileMobile outreach in Spokane with first year RIDE students and RIDE faculty, Dr. Arley Medrano and Dr. Paul Phillips. The SmileMobile is a modern dental office on wheels that brings oral health services to children, teens and pregnant women who have no other options for dental care; the SmileMobile has traveled across the state since July 1995. Working in three dental operatories, a full-time dentist and local volunteer dentists and their staff provide a range of services, from examinations and preventive services to fillings and minor oral surgery. We look forward to more state-wide outreach with the SmileMobile for both our Seattle and Spokane-based students.
OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS
Casa Latina
Chief Seattle Club
Hispanic Dental Association
Mary’s Place
Medical Teams International
Mexican Consulate
Northwest Career and Technical Academy
Safe Harbor Free Clinic
Union Gospel Mission

Our dental students provide oral exams, cleanings, preventative care, restorative and surgery, as well as oral health education and referrals.

Casa Latina
The Casa Latina Clinic treats an average of 25 patients per session and provided treatment valued at approximately $10,522 per event*

Mary’s Place
Mary’s Place Clinic treats an average of 18 patients per session and provided treatment valued at approximately $6,371 per event*

Northwest Career and Technical Academy
NCTA Clinic treats an average of 8 patients per session and provided treatment valued at approximately $3,175 per event*

South King County Health Fair
South King County Health Fair event treated 24 patients per session and provided treatment valued at approximately $5,138 per event*

Teeth & Toes
The Teeth & Toes events treat from 10 to 20 patients per session and provided treatment valued at approximately $3,574 per event*

Union Gospel Mission
The UGM evening and Saturday clinic treats an average of 4 patients per session and provided treatment valued at approximately $1,999 per event*

*Private practice estimate

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