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Students attend first Global Health Institute Training Workshop

South Central Wisconsin AHEC (Area Health Education Center) partnered with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Global Health Institute and the student organization GlobeMed to hold the first Global Health Institute Training Workshop Saturday, March 8 at the UW-Madison Health Sciences Learning Center.

Teachers from regional high schools brought 17 students to the half-day workshop.

- Portage High School: Lilly Harkins, Caitlyn Hibner, Matigan O’Leary, and Megan Cibulka.
- Watertown High School: Megan Zimmerman, Courtney Kruesel, and Kayla Dittberner.

Students listened to presentations by the Global Health Institute Education Programs Associate Sweta Shrestha, MPH, and UW-Madison students pursuing Certificates in Global Health. They discussed health disparities and the consequences of foreign medical aid by college students without medical training, watched a TED talk about cultural misunderstandings and had the opportunity to ask questions.

“It’s never too early for students to think about what public health or global health is,” said Shrestha. “Getting that seed started of what’s going on around the world, what kind of health disparities there are, and what the world of public health looks like gives students an advantage.”

The workshop was free to students. South Central Wisconsin AHEC provided each attending school with a $300 stipend for travel expenses.

For additional details about this event, see feature story online at http://ghi.wisc.edu/introducing-rural-wisconsin-students-to-global-opportunities/

The Wisconsin AHEC System is a non-profit organization funded by federal grants, the State of Wisconsin, the state’s health professions training programs, and local communities. It consists of seven regional centers and one statewide program office. Wisconsin AHEC is a health professions education and outreach program that is part of a nationwide network of programs working to improve accessibility and quality of primary healthcare while encouraging universities and educators to partner in addressing local healthcare problems. Wisconsin AHEC provided meals and lodging for students attending the competition, along with opportunities to network with healthcare professionals from around the state. For further information, see www.ahec.wisc.edu.

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