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PROVIDERS AND MENTORS

Jean Burton, NP
Denny Carter, MD
Gabe Garcia, RN
Patricia Ingwerson
Dave Hotstream, RN
Whitney Lutz, PNP
Rolinda Mitchell, ATC
Fiona Neale, RN (*not pictured*)
Nancy Porr, RN
Madeleine Rockey, NP
Lois Tiedeken, NP
Ben Towne, MA ATC
Daniel Wendel, RN

INTERPRETERS

Julie Bensimore
Justin Hovey (*not pictured*)
Emily Summit

SUPPORT

John Baldacci (*not pictured*)
Joan Kuttenkuller (*not pictured*)
Loren Porr

VIDEOGRAPHY TEAM

Carlos Cuellar (*not pictured*)
Joel Desmond (*not pictured*)

FACULTY AND TRIP STAFF

Jean Burton, NP - Trip Leader
Patricia Ingwerson - Safety Officer Assistant
Whitney Lutz, PNP - Trip Leader
Lois Tiedeken, NP - Trip Leader
Ben Towne, MA ATC - Safety Officer
Daniel Wendel, RN - Equipment Manager



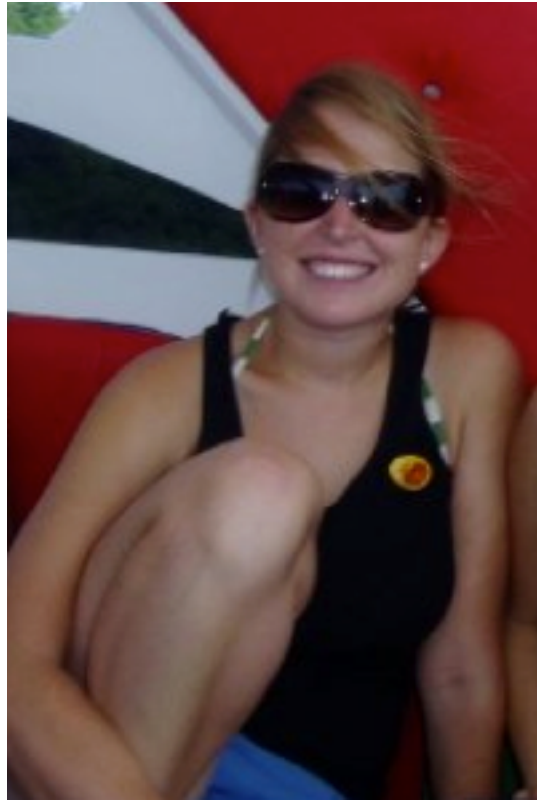
VOLUNTEERS

Julia Bensimon



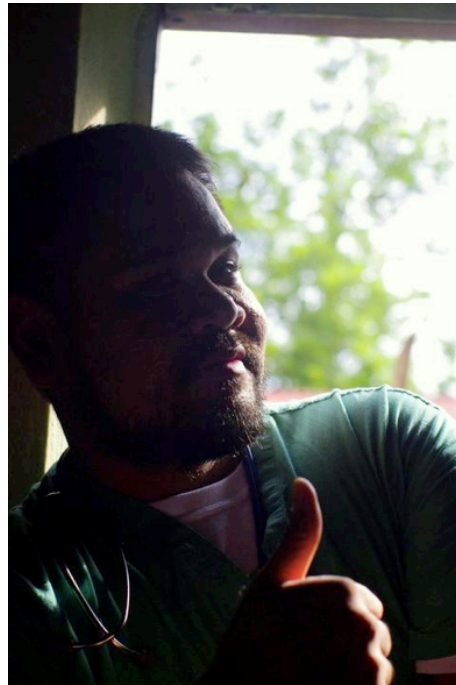
Julia, recently graduated from Bowdoin College in May of 2013. She majored in Neuroscience and Spanish and plans to go to medical school. She has been volunteering abroad since her freshman year of high school and has traveled to Costa Rica, Guatemala, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, Honduras and most recently Kenya. This will be Julia's first trip with Partners for Rural Health in the Dominican Republic.

Carter Denny



Carter went to Middlebury College where she studied Spanish and Geography. While at Middlebury she did an independent project on access to health care in the rural DR and participated in the winter 2003 PRHDR trip as an interpreter. She studied medicine and public health at Tulane University in New Orleans and graduated in 2010. She is entering her final year of Neurology residency at Georgetown University in D.C. Carter has a major travel itch and has done medical and public health work in Chile, Thailand, Vietnam, Haiti and Swaziland in addition to her first trip to the DR with PRHDR in 2003. She loves hot yoga, running, cooking and laughing.

Gabe Garcia, RN



Gabe is a nephrology nurse at Tulane Medical Center in New Orleans. His background includes abdominal transplant, dialysis, wound care, and critical care. He first learned about PRHDR through a coworker and has been involved with the group for the past three summers.

Dave Hotstream, RN



Dave first joined the PRHDR mission as an interpreter while living in the Dominican Republic as a Peace Corps volunteer, doing health promotion projects on the Haitian border. He was so inspired by the PRHDR volunteers and students that after returning to the United States, he went to nursing school in New Orleans and finally became an RN himself in 2007, while returning to both the Dominican Republic and Haiti numerous times (he's actually lost count) with the mission. Dave looks forward to helping new students develop their assessment skills and especially to introducing them to Dominican culture.

Rolinda Mitchell, ATC



Rolinda graduated from the University of Southern Maine in December '09. She worked full time from June '10-August 2012 as an Athletic Trainer and continues now as a per diem AT. In September 2012, she enrolled in a Nurse Practitioner program at MGH IHP.

Her first trip with PRHDR was in January 2010 when she was a student at USM. Due to her compassion for others and from falling in love with the culture and people of the Dominican Republic, she continues to return. This will be her third trip as an ATC, fourth overall.

Loren D Porr



Loren is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and Bowie State University, MD. Currently he supervises the Service Desk at a local Home Depot. 2013 is his first Dominican Republic trip in support of the medical efforts. He has been a U.S. Army Officer, helicopter pilot, public relations specialist and high school physics and mathematics teacher. He and his wife Nancy (NP) have been married 37 years, have three adopted adult children from three countries. They have lived in multiple states, Germany and South Korea. Loren volunteers locally at church, and in the past-the Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity; nationally in many locations, especially New Orleans (post Katrina); and internationally in Germany and Korea.

Nancy A Porr, RN, MSN, APRN-BC, NP-C



Nancy is a Nurse Practitioner and a 28 year United States Army Reserve Nurse veteran. She currently works as an NP in Occupational Health. She is board certified in Family and Adult health. As a Nurse Practitioner, her past work experience has been in primary and family care, emergency care, and occupational health. As a Registered Nurse, since 1979, she has experience in medical-surgical, obstetrics, neonatal care, emergency, pediatrics, women's' health, home health, and school nursing. She volunteers her Nurse Practitioner expertise at the Oasis Clinic, a health clinic for indigent and under insured Maine citizens in Brunswick. Her past Army medical missions and volunteer missions include Suriname, Bolivia, Ecuador, El Salvador, New Orleans (post Katrina), and most recently Salem, Maine. Although born in northern Maine, she previously lived in many southern and mid western states, South Korea, and Europe. Nancy is married to Loren, lives in Topsham, Maine and has three adult children.

Madeleine Rockey, RN



Madeleine Rockey is a registered nurse currently working at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. She previously volunteered with PRHDR as a USM student in January 2011 and as a volunteer RN in January 2013. She is excited about the work PRHDR does and is grateful for another chance to work with such an inspiring group.

Emily Summitt



Hola! I am Emily Summitt from Denton, Texas. This summer will be my fourth trip as in interpreter/intake person. I am married with 4 kids -- two boys adopted from Russia and 2 girls adopted from China. I work part-time for the local school district as an English as a Second Language teacher for adults. I really enjoy traveling and learning about other people and countries. I love seeing some of the same volunteers and same villagers year after year.



FACULTY AND TRIP STAFF

Jean Burton, NP – Team Leader, Faculty



I first attended the program in 1997. It was an accelerated, condensed and improved version of my Peace Corps Micronesia adventure, 10 years earlier. I have since returned in roles of student, faculty, volunteer provider, and team leader, five times with my daughter Abby, who is interested in international health and medical interpreting. I currently work as a psychiatric NP in Portland. The blend of students and volunteer providers is always inspiring and refreshing. I look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends on each mission.

Patricia Ingwersen – Safety Officer Assistant



Patricia Ingwersen is a Hispanic Studies Major at The University of Southern Maine. She is a native Mainer who currently works and lives in Portland.

Patricia spent her junior year of high school as a Rotary exchange student Obera-Misiones, Argentina. She attended classes at Armadeo Bonapland Nacional. Patty returned home and graduated high school in 2001. From 2002-2004 Patricia studied French at L'ecole Migros in Geneva, Switzerland and worked as a live-in nanny for three young children. She has studied in Spain at Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, as well as at Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso in Chile. She has traveled extensively throughout South and Central America.

Patty first joined Partners as a student interpreter in January 2008. As head of the fund-raising committee and a Member of the Board of Directors for PRHDR, Patty will continue to involve her local community in future PRHDR efforts. She is passionate about supporting efforts which promote community health on a global level.

Whitney Lutz, PNP – Team Leader, Faculty



Whitney Lutz is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with over 25 yrs. experience working with children in hospitals and primary care settings. She taught at the University of Southern Maine for 5 yrs, participated in multiple Dominican Republic trips and continues to help lead trips to the DR focusing on pediatric nursing. "Nursing opens so many doors in the international arena and helping those in greatest need is why I went into this profession." Whitney has participated in medical trips to Tanzania, Mexico, Peru, and recently Haiti. Currently, she works full time in private practice at Waterville Pediatrics in Maine. "This international service learning program is so vital, not only to the Dominicans we serve, but to the nursing students immersion experience into providing primary healthcare in a developing country. Once you experience it, you can't help but come back again and again!"

Lois Tiedeken, NP – Team Leader, Faculty



Lois is an adult nurse practitioner, working in Internal Medicine in Portland with a focus on Diabetes, Care Management, and Women's Health. She first traveled to the Dominican Republic with USM when she was a graduate student at Simmons College in 1997. Lois is pleased to be part of the adjunct faculty, enjoying her increased interaction with students as well as more involvement with community leaders. She is proud to have been part of this unique program for over 13 years.

Lois is grateful for her family and friends who join with her to enjoy boating, gardening, yoga, shelling, baseball, dancing, the Patriots and the comfort of her home on Peaks Island.

Ben Towne, MA ATC – Safety Officer



Ben joined in 2007 and has been on six previous missions to the Dominican Republic. Ben immensely enjoys working with interdisciplinary health programs and promoting the athletic training profession. He currently leads students twice yearly to the Dominican Republic for an International Service Learning Course and also serves as an athletic trainer for the U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Teams, traveling regularly around the globe. He also serves on the International Council for the National Athletic Trainers Association and is active in the World Federation of Athletic Training & Therapy. He has presented at the state and national level on International Service Learning in Athletic Training Education. He was the recipient of the 2008 USM Faculty Service Award, and was also awarded the 2008 Mike Linkovich Grant and the 2009 OA Centers for Orthopaedics Professional Scholarship Award. Ben earned his MA in Physical Education at Western Michigan University and a BS in Sports Medicine at Lyndon State University in Lyndonville, Vermont.

Daniel Wendel, RN – Equipment Manager



Daniel, a graduate of University of So Maine, is working as an RN with the Visiting Nurses Association at Home, Health and Hospice. He went to nursing school with an interest in public health and a hope to be able to work internationally as a nurse in developing countries. He has been to Kenya once and hopes to return. Dan joined the Dominican Republic health care mission in 2006 and now goes every 6 months, thus has been on this trip many times. He has served on the PRHDR Board for several years.