Mission trip takes health services to Haiti

Sister Victoria Indyk recently returned from her sixth mission trip to Haiti, and she reported that “it was awesome!” She was accompanied by three Madonna University nursing faculty, one nursing student, the nursing advisor coordinator, and two Madonna alumi. Together, they delivered 20 duffel bags of $20,000 worth of medicine and medical supplies for St. Michel Hospital and the School of Nursing – supplies that Sister Victoria received after submitting a request to Detroit World Medical Relief. They also took with them clothing, shoes, toys, and supplies for three orphanages, and 200 pairs of eyeglasses, health screening and health teaching supplies for the children and adults. While in Jacmel, the group provided glasses to adults and teens, and toothpaste and toothbrushes with the children as they taught them how proper hygiene can prevent disease. They traveled to the mountain clinics with the Mother Angela Mobile Clinic, and made several home visits in neighboring villages. While overwhelmed by the extensive poverty and poor living conditions in Jacmel, the mission trip participants were happy they were able to provide health-related services to so many.

Online Instructor Certification Training Offered

Online Instructor Certification training will be offered this summer July 6 through Aug. 9. The emphasis of this program is the pedagogy of teaching online using Blackboard. This course is designed for faculty who know they will be teaching an online course in the near future. It aims to teach critical skills and theories necessary to teach a successful quality online course. The course is taught completely online, thus giving a broad range of experiences including online student, online course designer and online instructor. Instructors planning on taking this training should be familiar with how to use Blackboard; a basic Blackboard 101 training workshop prior to the OIC course is strongly recommended. Seating is limited, so reserve your spot early. Department Chair and College Dean permission is required before participating. Email Dr. Elena Qureshi, Instructional Designer, at equreshi@madonna.edu to register or with questions or concerns.

New-Student Orientation Begins

The first group of incoming first-year students will be on campus this Thursday, June 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for orientation. Check-in will be in the Franciscan Center Gathering Space, so please direct students and their families if you see them that morning. The office of First-Year Experience appreciates your support of our new students!

Classroom Going Digital

Room 2102 of the Academic Building soon will be the first fully-digital classroom at Madonna University. Completion of this upgrade will greatly enhance video projections and other instructional tools. Special thanks to all of the employees working on the project; from Technology Learning Services: Emma Kent, Dan Boyd, Jeff Flesher, and Janet Higgins, and from facilities: Greg Boycott, Jeff Noel and Nick Villella. Carol Hall, chief information technology officer, noted that this is an exciting next step for technology and instruction at Madonna.
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