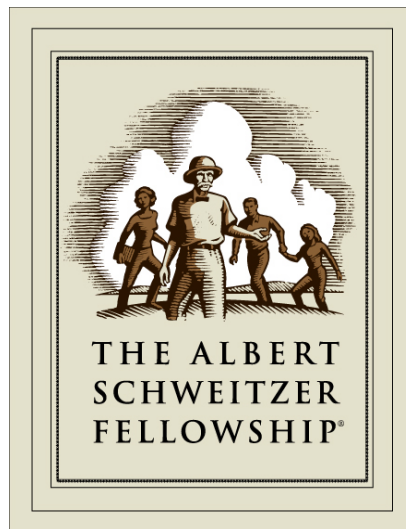


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IDEALISM INTO ACTION:

Local Students Accepted to Prestigious Schweitzer Fellowship Program for 2009-2010 Take Aim at Greater Philadelphia Area's Most Pressing Health-Related Issues

Every year, more than 200 Albert Schweitzer Fellows across the U.S. follow in the footsteps of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning physician and humanitarian by developing and implementing direct service projects with a lasting impact on the health of underserved communities.

Established in 2006, the Greater Philadelphia Schweitzer Fellows Program supports area graduate students in making just such an impact on their communities. This year, 14 new Fellows from the area's top colleges and universities have been selected to join the program's ranks, each partnering with a local agency and devoting more than 200 hours of service.

The 2009-10 Greater Philadelphia Fellows' projects directly and creatively address some of the area's most pressing health-related issues, including:

- Preventing diabetes and cardiovascular disease in South Philadelphia's Mexican immigrant population (**Jennifer Abraczinskas and Tanya Keenan, *University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine***);
- Conducting a wound-care education campaign at Prevention Point Philadelphia (PPP), Philadelphia's only needle exchange program (**Usha Kumar and Alexander Potashinsky, *Drexel University, College of Medicine***);
- Reversing the effects of childhood obesity and laying the foundation for underserved families to lead healthier lifestyles (**Temple University, Graduate School**);
- Implementing a chronic care management program at a community-based clinical practice in Lower North Philadelphia (**Manisha Verma, *Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson School of Population Health***);
- Expanding mental health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals who have survived or who are surviving intimate partner violence (**Nathaniel Amos, *University of Pennsylvania Penn School of Social Policy & Practice***)

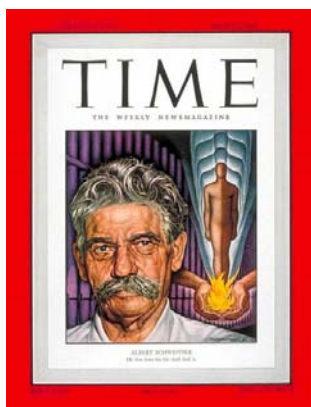
Descriptions of all of the 2009-2010 Greater Philadelphia Fellows' newly announced projects are available on www.schweitzerfellowship.org. For headshots of the Fellows, or to arrange interviews, please contact Patrice Taddonio at ptaddonio@bidmc.harvard.edu or 617.667.5628.

ABOUT THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP

Since its inception in 1991, the Schweitzer Fellowship has provided more than 400,000 hours of service to the communities it serves. Carrying on Schweitzer's legacy of translating idealism into action—and of restoring the moral compass of the health-related fields—Schweitzer Fellows are chosen through a competitive selection process from the nation's top health and human service schools. They serve for one year, working with local community agencies in Baltimore, Bay Area, Boston, Chicago, Greater Philadelphia, Houston/Galveston, Los Angeles, New Hampshire/Vermont, New Orleans, North Carolina, and Pittsburgh to implement sustainable projects that make a lasting, on-the-ground difference in the health of local communities.

Once Fellows have completed their year of service, they join a network of over 2,000 Schweitzer "Fellows for Life" across the United States and abroad. Virtually all continue their commitment to lives of service in cities and towns around the country and around the world. Because the work of the Fellows is donated without charge to the communities served, each city's program is supported entirely through charitable gifts. For more information or to receive a copy of our informational DVD featuring Dr. Timothy Johnson and Yo-Yo Ma, visit www.schweitzerfellowship.org or contact Patrice Taddonio at ptaddonio@bidmc.harvard.edu or 617.667.5628.

ABOUT ALBERT SCHWEITZER



Albert Schweitzer was born on January 14, 1875 in a small village in Germany. As a young man, Schweitzer was a renowned philosopher, theologian, Bach scholar, organist, author, and pastor. At the age of 30, however, he decided to become a medical doctor, translating his idealism into action by dedicating his life to the direct service of people in Africa.

In 1913, Schweitzer and his wife founded the Schweitzer Hospital at Lambaréné, Gabon, then a province of French Equatorial Africa. It was there that he developed his credo of Reverence for Life, the idea that all life is as worthy of reverence as our own. In 1953, at the age of 78, Schweitzer was honored for his humanitarian work with the Nobel Peace Prize.

In September 1965, having powerfully advocated against nuclear proliferation, Schweitzer died at the age of 90 in Lambaréné. His legacy lives on through The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship.