Providence in Ghana

Community Based Student Internship 2015

Providence College and the Department of Engineering Physics Systems is pleased to announce the faculty-guided Providence in Ghana Community Based Student Internship (CBSI) program for 2015. Now in its sixth year, the CBSI is offered in conjunction with the University of Ghana in Legon-Accra, Departments of Engineering with participation from Ashesi and Radford Universities. Beginning in 2010 student teams built a small scale co-op in Koforidua to produce charcoal from agricultural waste, and in ensuing years have worked on health-education-water-sanitation-and energy-programs of the Global Sustainable Aid Project (GSAP). Students from PC and other universities (Cornell, Florida and Cooper Union) have joined with students from UG, Radford and Ashesi on complex problems facing rural communities. This year’s program will emphasize rural school water, sanitation and hygiene and appropriate technology for improving literacy rates in rural schools. The GSAP center in Pokuase village includes an innovative school toilet, a multi-functioning community center with library, computer café, and several educational program activities. During the program, students will have the opportunity to participate in one or more activities or projects of the GSAP center. There are opportunities for students of most disciplines especially global studies, anthropology, health and life sciences, engineering, education, humanities and the performing arts. The program carries 3 academic credits awarded by Providence College for EPS 420, Internship, and includes pre-departure orientation and briefings, advance readings and orientation, the 3 week (May 20 –June 10) work in Ghana , and a post travel reflection upon return to the US.

For more information contact Dr. Stephen Mecca, Department of Engineering and Physics Systems, Sowa 220 at 865-2099 or via email smecca@providence.edu. Applications will be accepted and processed on a first come first serve basis through February 14th or until all positions are filled. Final notices of acceptance will be made by late February to allow sufficient time for required immunizations, Passport and Visa applications.

“This trip will undoubtedly stay with me for a lifetime, and I can take away countless things that I have learned from it. I acquired a lot of knowledge in terms of the internship, but more profoundly I learned the ‘intangibles’ that you obtain from immersing yourself in a different culture. I realized the importance of appreciating the beauty of humanity”