Students attend third annual global public health training workshop

MADISON - South Central Wisconsin Area Health Education Centers collaborated with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Global Health Institute, students in the Globe Med club and the Global Health certificate program to hold the third annual Global Public Health Training Workshop for high school students. The event took place on Friday, Nov. 6, 2015, and offered an opportunity for students to learn about global health and network with partnering institutions at the university.

The workshop lasted for a full day and included high school students from eight different schools. This is an expansion from the previous two years. Five schools attended the full day workshop last year, while four schools attended a four-hour workshop in 2013.

“The day is meant to introduce students, high school teachers and staff members to the topics of global and public health and how they are interrelated,” South Central AHEC Health Career Educator Wendy Hinz said.

While many students believe they need to go to another continent or country to provide global healthcare, the workshop helps students acknowledge that their own country, state and community are part of the global health network.

“I wanted to ‘plant the seeds of questioning about the topics of global and public health’ and reach as many students as possible to increase their questioning about these topics and what we can do within our own communities,” Wendy added.

For more information regarding the health of specific communities on both the state and national level, visit ahec.wisc.edu/healthserviceareas. The health survey maps on Wisconsin AHEC’s website are a direct result of what the students stated about their health practices. The maps represent a growing understanding of the health concerns local populations face in their own backyards.

For more information about the Global Public Health Training Workshop, visit ahec.wisc.edu. Photos from the event can be found on Wisconsin AHEC’s Facebook page: https://goo.gl/z4reOY.