Welcome 2018-19 Fellows and Junior Fellows!

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Gabrielle Hansen, PhD, Executive Director

I’m delighted that this year the Schweitzer Fellowship has expanded again and we have our largest ever cohort of incredibly driven, passionate and service-minded Fellows, from an even broader selection of schools, disciplines and areas of study. The projects they are about to develop and launch this year build on the wonderful work of previous Fellows, and also introduce new partner agencies to the innovative programs these Fellows dedicate their energy and commitment to all year long. I’m very excited to watch them grow as emerging health leaders with a heart for service and see the important contributions they will make in our communities in need.

More Fellows, More Schools!
We are excited to have a growing list of academic institutions bringing the Fellowship experience onto campus! This year’s participating schools are Baylor College of Medicine; UTMB; UTHealth Schools of Dentistry, Public Health, Medicine and Biomedical Informatics; University of Houston College of Pharmacy, Texas A&M Schools of Medicine and Public Health; Rice University and the University of Houston Honors College.

Thanks to our Partner Agencies

Alliance for Multicultural Communities
Alzheimer's Association
Blind Buddies
Brighter Bites
Bruce Elementary School
Culture of Health - Advancing Together
Disability Rights Texas
Healthcare for the Homeless
HOMES Clinic
Interfaith Ministries
Living Hope Wheelchair Association
Martin Luther King Jr. Harris Health Clinic
Montrose Center
New Hope Housing
Resource and Crisis Center and Texas Gulf Coast Coalition Against Human Trafficking
St. Vincent’s Student-Run Free Clinic
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
TIRR Memorial Hermann
West Gray Multiservice Center
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Junior Fellows 2018-19
“Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.”—Albert Schweitzer
“Do something wonderful. People may imitate it.”
Albert Schweitzer

2018-2019 Junior Fellows

UTHealth School of Public Health
Alane Celeste-Villavir
Allison Teng

UTHealth School of Biomedical Informatics
Danilo Pena

UTHealth McGovern School of Medicine
Andrea Pinto
Stephanie Ihezie
Brina Bui
Rishi Goel
Kimberly Nguyen

Rice University
Jason Lee
Salonee Shah
Anson Tong
Emma Every
Neha Potlapalli

University of Houston Honors College
Fatema Shipchandler
Raina Jose
Karina George
Sandy Jun
Rodolfo “RG” Yamba

Find more information about the work of this year’s Fellows at www.asfhhg.org
The mission of ASF is improving the health of vulnerable people now and for the future by developing a corps of Leaders in Service—professionals skilled in creating positive change with and in our communities, our health and human service systems, and our world.

ASFHG has four overall goals:

- Develop Leaders in Service who are educated, experienced, and committed to addressing unmet health needs;
- Improve community health by providing direct service to individuals and strengthening the capacity of community-based organizations;
- Expand educational opportunities in partnering schools while raising awareness of the needs of underserved communities; and
- Maintain a growing and vibrant community of Schweitzer Fellowship alumni (Fellows for Life) committed to lives of service.

Know a student interested in applying for a fellowship or a potential patron to support this important work?
Contact ASFHG Executive Director Gabrielle Hansen, PhD at Gabrielle.Hansen@bcm.edu

Albert Schweitzer (January 14, 1875 – September 4, 1965)*

At the age of 30, aware of the desperate medical needs of Africans, Albert Schweitzer decided to become a doctor and devote his life to direct service in Africa. In 1913, at the age of 38, Dr. Schweitzer and his wife, Hélène, opened a hospital in Lambaréné, Gabon. His legacy lives on through the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Program (ASF).

In 1940, the AFS was established to help support the hospital in Lambaréné. The Fellowship launched its U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Programs in 1991, through which students in health professions and related fields carry out direct service projects in underserved communities in the United States. To date, more than 1,000 Fellows have contributed over 200,000 hours of service at hundreds of community service agencies. Today, the mission of ASF is to reduce disparities in health and healthcare by developing “Leaders in Service.” These leaders are individuals who are dedicated and skilled in helping underserved communities, and who influence and inspire others by example.

*Dr. Schweitzer was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1952 for his humanitarian work.