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The project also will include working with physical and occupational therapists, doctors and nurses from various countries, studying traditional healing practices and doing research that will continue when they return home.

“This is an optimal way to serve others, explore a different culture in their context of health and well-being, and have students join in the clinical and research experience,” she said.

The first week will be spent at a clinic run by Global Therapy Group outside Petion-Ville, near Port-Au-Prince, Haiti’s capital and largest city. They will be helping earthquake victims and individuals with chronic disease including musculoskeletal issues, HIV, high blood pressure and stroke, and other diagnoses, she said. Many people lost limbs to the quake, and still need physical or occupational therapy, and there’s a need to help children with developmental disabilities as well, she added.

The three will spend the second week at Jacmel, about four hours from Port-Au-Prince, working with the Haiti Family Initiative, based in Wilmington, DE. There they will be working with a team of physicians, nurses, social workers offering physical therapy wellness programs and services. “We will specifically be targeting women’s and

Dr. Wondi Geremew, assistant professor of Developmental Mathematics, and his wife, Hanna, welcomed their daughter, Blane Geremew, on Saturday, July 6. Blane weighed 7 lbs, 12 oz. and measured 20.5 inches.

Welcome, Blane!

Dr. M. Alysia Mastrangelo, associate professor of Physical Therapy, is helping educators to engage young students in physical activities as part of a grant, [Healthy U](#) phase 2, funded by the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey and administrated by the New Jersey YMCA State Alliance.

The project, designed to increase physical activity in a child's school day, focuses on students in grades 4 and 5 and includes a physical activity component called Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH). The project's overall goal is to determine whether the Healthy U program is having a positive impact on childhood obesity as measured by Body Mass Index (BMI) over a period of three years, Dr. Mastrangelo said.

"In the Healthy U grant, we are convening healthy kids committees to champion the project at each intervention school to help incorporate physical activity (PA) into the school day," Dr. Mastrangelo said. "We are hoping to involve classroom teachers, nurses, physical education teachers, principals, food service, and recess aides to help inspire children throughout the day to increase activity, eat healthy and improve a child's overall wellness."

In Healthy U's first year, 10 elementary schools across the state were used as intervention schools for the program, including Toms River, Vineland, and Maywood in Bergen County. Now in its second year, 20 additional schools will be added. The schools are receiving training for the PA curriculum and training for the fitness assessment software, Dr. Mastrangelo said. The schools also receive equipment for the PA curriculum.



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