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**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR  
2020 INITIATIVES PROJECT**

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**PROJECT TITLE:** International Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Education:

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- *The boxes below expand as needed to accommodate your notes. You may also include/submit appendices or attachments, if needed.*
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**1. Please provide a summary of the project and your experience.**

In 2012 I received a Learning Abroad grant to develop a yearly faculty-led trip to Bogota, Colombia, SA. In March 2014 India Karavackas and I traveled to Bogota to establish the yearly learning abroad trip for occupational therapy. However, we expanded the goals so that future trips would include faculty and students from other Health Science programs, and established an exchange program with students from Colombia. In March 2015 I coordinated a trip for 12 people which included 7 MSOT students, one faculty member each from nursing and physical therapy and the Dean of the School of Health Sciences. In March 2016, the trip grew to 26 people and included 6 faculty from OT, PT, CD, Nursing, BSHS, and the Spanish Language Program and 21 students from OT, PT, CD, Nursing, and Biology. In March 2017, the trip grew to 40 participants including 6 Health Science faculty from OT, PT, CD, Nursing, BSHS, and Public Health and 2 faculty from the Spanish Program and the Dean of AHRU and students from each of these programs. The week long spring break trip has included academic exchanges, visits to discipline specific clinical sites and classrooms in a public elementary school, and visits to cultural sites. In addition, we hosted 4 students (2 each from OT and PT) for 9 weeks from Sep – Dec 2015 and 4 PT students from the Universidad del Rosario (UR) for 9 weeks from Sep- Dec 2016. Their experience included a combination of clinical, academic, and cultural experiences. Plans are already underway for the 2018 spring break trip which will continue with 40 participants, including all of the students from the programs listed above for 2017. Plans are also underway to host students from Colombia in Fall 2017.

**2. Please attach a copy of your original proposal or list your stated objectives and expected outcomes.**

The purpose/goals are 1) establish an ongoing collaborative relationship with several health science programs within two institutions of higher education in Bogota, Colombia, SA



participate globally, and integrate global program efforts among multiple units of the college. For the SHS, this program also allowed us to meet another goal of our School, interprofessional education.

**4. Please list any follow-up actions (publications, presentation venues, etc.)**

Stockton student participation in the trip has resulted in numerous assignments including personal reflection, research, and clinical application. Additionally, students have presented at venues such as an international PT conference, discipline specific state conferences, and Stockton's Day of Scholarship and Graduate Research Symposium. Additionally students have received Distinguished Student Research Fellowships. Students from Universidad del Rosario also completed presentations on their experience at the NJ Occupational Therapy Association Conference and for class presentations at Stockton and UR.

As the Coordinator of the this project, I have completed multiple presentations at the national,

Non-Salary Expenditures ( <i>supplies, travel, etc.</i> )		
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