

## **Panama (2016-2017)**

### **McMaster Fellow**

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### **McMaster Scholars**

**Da'Ja'Nay Askew, Sophomore, Psychology and Social Work**—This project will address the potential results of the negative impacts on children served by our community partners, that are living in poverty by working with these children on a project that will help them evaluate and work through their emotions.

**Denique Dennis, Junior, Social Work**—Through the use of various workshops, this project will teach students, teachers, and parents the proper use of social media in an effort to protect children against threats associated with technology.

**Taylor Gillig, Junior, Early Childhood Education**—This project is focused on teaching students how to set goals, stick together as a class, and in turn, help to encourage a better retention rate in higher grade levels.

**Toni-Ann Ledgister, Junior, Forensic Science and Criminal Justice**—This project will continue the analysis of the water quality of the El Congo Village in Panama. Tests will be carried out to check for the presence bacteria, nitrates, phosphates, ammonia, dissolved oxygen, chlorine, and alarming pH levels. Data will be collected, compiled and analysed. A report will be given to the community partners of the project in El Congo, as well as the data will be made accessible to future McMaster Scholars

**Adam McGinnis, Junior, Business Administration**—Through the construction of above ground gardens at the schools and community facilities, this project will help students and families to improve their diets. This project is in response to surveys conducted by previous teams that showed children living in poverty consume only minimal fresh fruits and vegetables. . In addition, this project will include educational information on the importance of a healthy diet, and the value of good nutrition.

**Alexis Walker, Senior, Athletic Training**—This project will continue to provide first-aid and CPR training in several communities and schools. The first-aid training will include the specific topic of heat-related illnesses, care for wounds, infections prevention and how to stabilize common and acute injuries.

**Kaytlyn Williamson, Sophomore, Social Work**—This project will assess visual acuity for children age six through thirteen at all community partner locations. In addition, all community partners will receive information about the logistics to seeking care for families in need of these services.