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## International Service

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### **California Polytechnic State University**

Community & Economic Development, Health/Nutrition, International Service

### **Engineers without Borders**

The organization Engineers without Borders at Cal Poly consists of 35 members with a core of 12 student leaders and faculty advisors. The Cal Poly chapter is part of national is a non-profit organization that is committed to providing sustainable service for local and international disadvantaged communities through implementation of environmentally and economically sustainable projects. Eleven people took part in the first international project that involved partnering with a hill tribe village in Mae Nam Khun, Thailand. This collaboration led to an installation of a drinking water treatment system for the local school of 1200 students. This project was implemental in reducing the incidence of illness among children of the village and to improve overall sanitation.

In addition to overseas projects, the students have been working on a Poly Canyon Culverts Project. The motivation for this project is to evaluate the feasibility of a future wetland immediately down-grade from the Cerro Vista culvert on the Cal Poly State University Campus in San Luis Obispo. The peak flows established will help determine if a wetland would be an appropriate aesthetic and environmental addition to the Poly Canyon area. This preliminary study will also focus on the existing conditions of the subject culverts and will provide best management practices in order to minimize the impact on the surrounding natural environment.

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### **New York University**

Community & Economic Development, Culture/Arts/Performance, Health/Nutrition, Special Needs Support for Disabled, International Service

### **Service Abroad**

The Office of Global Education and the Office of Community Service have collaborated to ensure that New York University (NYU) students are actively engaged in meaningful service in Florence, London, Prague, and Accra. The staffs at NYU's global centers have developed relationships with local agencies where students gain a richer appreciation of their host communities. NYU in Ghana has become our flagship for international service with 85% of the students participating in ongoing service at organizations including The West Africa AIDS Foundation (WAAF), Osu Children's Home, New Horizons School for the Developmentally Disabled, and Habitat for Humanity.

Students dedicate countless hours to the completion of significant projects. For example, NYU student Katherine Otto coordinated an AIDS awareness poster competition which engaged school children in art projects to raise awareness about the disease and fight prejudice against those suffering from it. The winning posters were displayed at an art exhibit/fundraiser which brought in over \$25,000 to support WAAF. At the New Horizons School for the Developmentally Disabled, another NYU student, Kristen Rhea Van Liew, launched a joint dance program with students from the University of Ghana. The recital raised \$5,000 for the school and provided the students with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

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### **Rhodes College**

Community & Economic Development, Health/Nutrition, Housing, International Service

### **Tex Mex**

Since 1988, Rhodes College's students and faculty have been participating in Tex-Mex, an alternative break program to Mexico. The students head to Reynosa, an impoverished squatter camp along the U.S. border to build houses, repair roofs, and work in a local medical clinic. Along with the 25 participating students, a Latin American history professor went as well and participated in the builds, and helped students understand immigration issues.

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### **Swarthmore College**

Disaster Management, Education, International Service

### **Swarthmore Sudan**

Swarthmore Sudan is an anti-genocide student coalition at Swarthmore College working to stop the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. The group's primary goal is to advocate for civilian protection, and is pursued primarily in two ways: fundraising for the Genocide Intervention Network and other advocacy techniques such as lobbying, call-in days and divestment.

Swarthmore's continuing campus advocacy brings notable policy makers, activists and scholars to campus, and sponsors weekly sessions of letter writing to elected officials. This year they are pursuing several initiatives such as Pennsylvania State divestment, fundraising, and using Congressional elections to call attention to Darfur and push for further action. Additionally, on December 2 and 3, 2006, Swarthmore Sudan hosted the Regional Conference for STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition.

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