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Medicine practices for a month last summer. She also volunteered in Haiti in July-August 2013, along with her daughter and a Stockton Physical Therapy student. They helped patients at two clinics, aiding individuals still affected by the 2010 earthquake and others with chronic illnesses.

While in Haiti, she worked with physical and occupational therapists, doctors and nurses from various regions of the world, studying traditional healing practices and doing research. This IPE research was presented at Stockton's Day of Scholarship in March and was accepted for presentation in June at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Interprofessional Practice and Education.

Dr. Galantino said she and her students studied "the art of interprofessional practice with a cadre of healthcare practitioners from various backgrounds – handling conflicts, navigating cultural and language challenges and realizing the impact on humanity."

Those experiences will inform her work in South Africa.

"While I am facilitating curriculum and research development in areas of my expertise, I too learn much about the culture of students, faculty and patients in South Africa," Dr. Galantino said. "For example, a mainstay of health delivery is community-based rehabilitation, a model that works well when elders are taught and respected as they assist the healing of others in their communities."

"I am particularly honored to be part of a reciprocal learning process in the context of a different culture with the same focused intent: to serve others through optimizing function to live vibrantly amidst health challenges," she continued. "Research shows that interprofessional healthcare training fosters these goals and I intend to work with everyone to maximize this engagement of IPE."

Dr. Galantino noted that Stockton's 2020 strategic planning program includes global initiatives.

"As an advisory board member of Stockton's Center for Community Engagement and the Global Initiatives Team, I

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