Child Family Health International-Tarija & La Paz Bolivia

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What is CFHI?

- Child Family Health International is a Global US-based organization that explores and emphasizes the challenges that Healthcare providers face when Working with communities, both Children and Adults, whom reside in countries that are still in development.
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- CFHI helps connect students with Healthcare providers within a country outside of the US, in order to allow them to serve as mentors to the students, and teach them about the Healthcare system in that specific country.

- Students are assigned a rotation with a physician from a wide variety of specialties, and shadow the physician in their daily activities in an effort to demonstrate which unique challenges they face in providing healthcare to their patients.
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- Surgery- One of my favorite experiences I had in Bolivia, was in my time in Tarija, where I had the opportunity to shadow an elbow surgery during my time at the Hospital San Juan de Dios

- Music Education- One of my most memorable experiences, outside of the hospital setting, occurred in my time working for the Para Los Niños association at the Hogar Jose Soria, a state home for children. I began an independent project where I taught the kids Music - via the Irish flute, Guitar and Djembe- and had a blast interacting and (hopefully) inspiring aspiring musicians.
While I acknowledge that it can seem difficult to conceptualize how an undergrad can have a large impact on an organization in two short months, I was surprised to find out how much I made a difference to the people I was interacting with.

My “legacy”, and I hope lasting impact, was my Music class that I began for the children in the Orphanage in La Paz. For, I saw the therapeutic and exciting effect that music had on these children, and made sure that the classes would continue after my own departure.

(They will!)
Bolivia- Catalyst for Change?

- The time I spent working and living in both Tarija and La Paz, really impacted me as both an academically driven individual, but also helped boost my confidence and belief that I can survive and thrive on my own in a foreign environment.

- My main drive for the program was to help me decide whether or not to pursue medicine further.

- Conclusion: “¡Voy a ser un Doctor!”
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Moving Beyond Princeton

• My experience in Bolivia has changed me forever, and I am excited to carry the knowledge, experiences and culture I lived this past summer, with me for the rest of my life and wherever I go.

• I hope to go back one day, as a doctor, and provide service to those underserved communities that I was able to experience.
Thank You!