



MEDICAL

Brigades

Global Brigades Panama
Medical Chapter



The world's largest student-led movement for global health

What is Global Brigades?



GLOBAL BRIGADES IS AN INTERNATIONAL NON- PROFIT

that empowers communities to meet their health and economic goals through university volunteers and local teams.



OUR MISSION

Inspire, mobilize, and collaborate with communities to achieve their own health and economic goals.



OUR VISION

Empowering & ministering unto others to engage in global service projects through encouraging diversity, equity, & inclusion



Inspire new opportunities for BSU students to leave an impact on the world and develop useful leadership skills



Millions of empowered community members with the resources and capacity to thrive.

Holistic Model

CHANGE LIVES
with clean water and in-home sanitation projects

SAVE LIVES
through increased access
to healthcare



BETTER LIVES
by developing businesses and
community-owned banks

Safety Highlights

- Engaged with *Askari International Security*, an industry leader in international risk assessment, to complete a comprehensive risk/safety assessment of all brigade operations
- Global Brigades is an active member of OSAC (the Overseas Security Advisory Committee) and receives up-to-date security and safety briefings from the U.S. State Department
- Full-time local Global Brigades medical personnel are on call at all times (A paramedic is present 24/7)
- 24-hour security is provided at all lodging facilities. Conditions are similar to a comfortable summer camp, with dormitory-style sleeping and shared bathrooms
- Travel Security for emergency flight arrangements
 - These have been utilized by GB BSU members before, and both times functioned promptly and efficiently as needed.



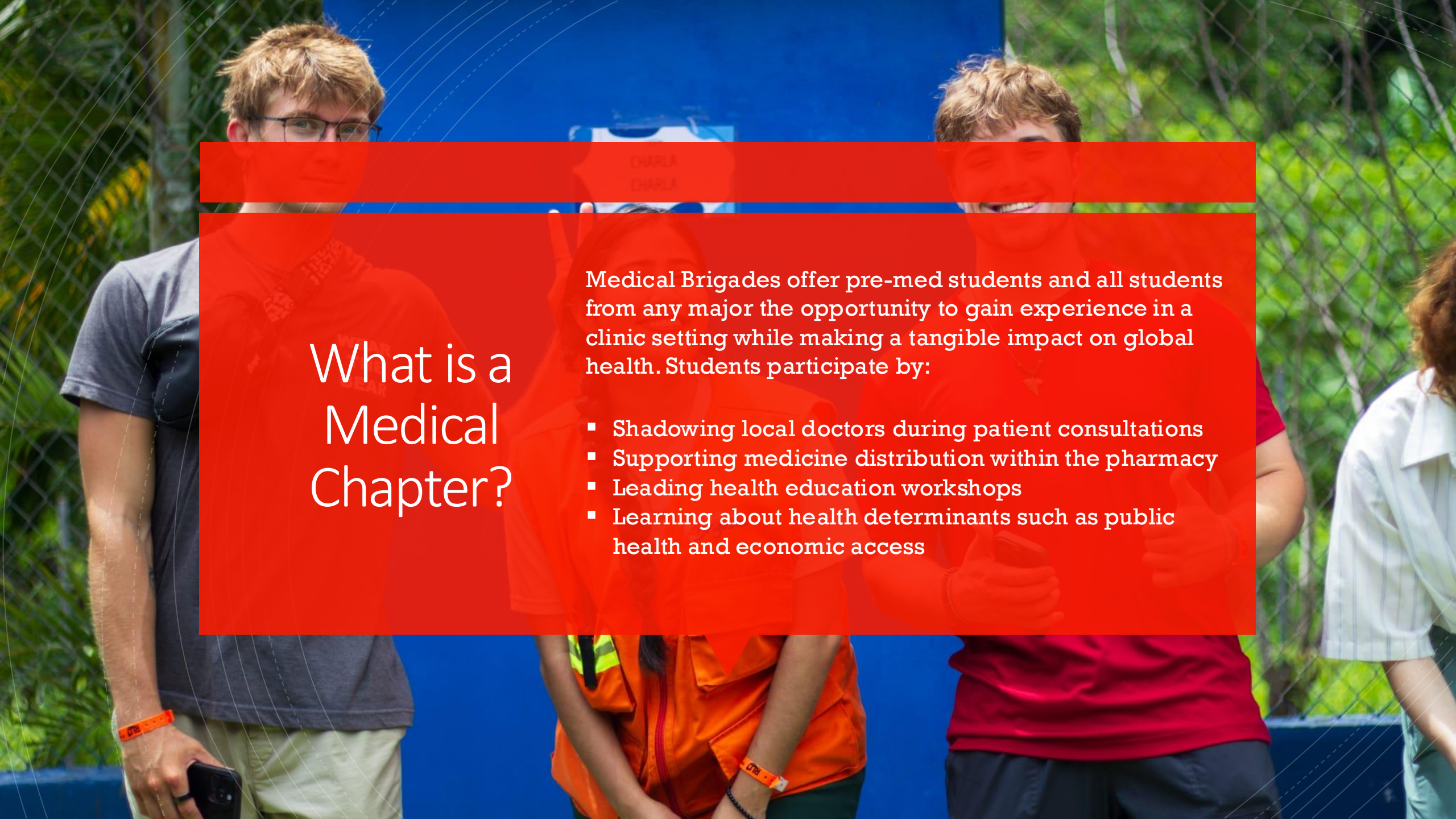
Meet The
Students!



CHARLA
CHARLA

WEAR
THE
BEAR

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The background image shows a group of students in a clinical or outdoor setting. A large red semi-transparent overlay covers the center of the image. On the left, a young man with glasses and a grey t-shirt is visible. In the center, a woman in an orange lab coat is looking down. On the right, a young man in a red t-shirt is smiling. The background includes a chain-link fence and green foliage.

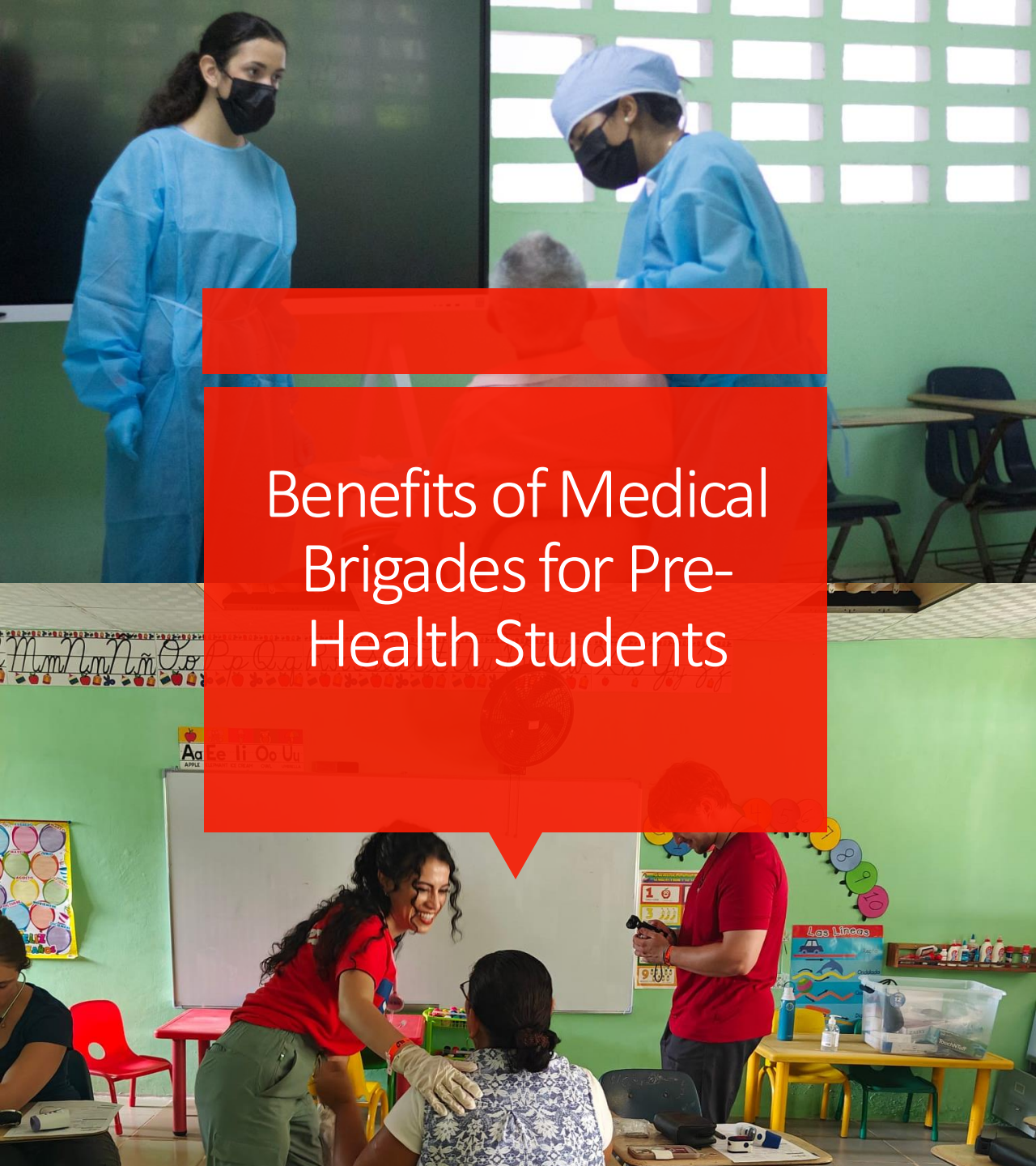
What is a Medical Chapter?

Medical Brigades offer pre-med students and all students from any major the opportunity to gain experience in a clinic setting while making a tangible impact on global health. Students participate by:

- Shadowing local doctors during patient consultations
- Supporting medicine distribution within the pharmacy
- Leading health education workshops
- Learning about health determinants such as public health and economic access

SUSTAINABLE BRIGADE (14-25 volunteers)

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	
7:00 AM	Airport Pick up & Transport to Lodging Facility	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Airport Departure and Check-in	
8:00 AM		Transport to Community	Transport to Community	Transport to Community	Transport to Community	Transport to Community		
9:00 AM		Cultural Day	Medical Clinic	Medical Clinic	Medical Clinic	Research Day		
10:00 AM								
11:00 AM		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
12:00 PM								
1:00 PM		Cultural Day	Medical Clinic	Medical Clinic	Medical Clinic	Research Day		
2:00 PM								
3:00 PM		Settle in	Medications Packing	Transport to Lodging Facility	Transport to Lodging Facility	Transport to Lodging Facility		Transport to Lodging Facility
4:00 PM								
5:00 PM	Introduction to Global Brigades	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
6:00 PM	Dinner	Medical/Dental Program Introduction	Reflection (Panama Health System)	Reflection (HCP exchange)	Reflection	Final Reflection, Pack		
7:00 PM								
8:00 PM								



Benefits of Medical Brigades for Pre-Health Students

After participating in a University Brigades Chapter, prospective healthcare professionals will gain valuable insights to prepare them for a medical career, such as:

- How to communicate effectively with patients
- Differences in access to healthcare between a Brigade country and its home country
- The use of an electronic medical records system
- Experience learning a second language (Spanish, in most cases) to communicate with patients
- On-the-ground benefits of social innovations in healthcare
- **Teamwork and leadership development skills**



Benefits of Medical Brigades for Non-Pre-Med Students

Community Engagement:

Lead workshops, games, and health education & reflection evenings.

Research Skills:

Collect data, surveys, and info.

Teamwork:

Collaborate with med and non-med students across disciplines.

Cultural Competence:

Build language skills and adapt to new settings.

Leadership:

Organize logistics, supplies, and group coordination.

Networking:

Add global service and cross-cultural work to your resume.

Field Connection:

Link health to environment or sustainability issues.

Global Health Exposure:

Learn about public health, nutrition, and development.



Build
Relationships







What We Do During a Medical Brigade in Panama

- Research
- Intake
- Triage
- Consultations
- Dental stations
- Educational workshops (Charla, *supply distribution*)
- A vision station (during some, but not all, Brigades)
- A pharmacy station

* No prior experience needed; volunteers are trained on site by healthcare professionals in rotating stations



Charla



Dental



Pharmacy



Consultation



Research & Supply Packaging



Data Informatics



Professional Growth

- Become more marketable in their career
- Opportunity to develop & demonstrate team management skills
- Accrue experience for a resume
- Skills: language, management, communication, independence
- Networking/management skills
- Recognition for work
- Be more visible on resumes



Relevant to all Majors

- Social /Criminal Justice
- Anthropology
- Sustainability
- Spanish
- Medical Studies
- Film
- ...And more!

PANAMA DONATION GOAL

YOUR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY IMPACT

\$2,450

PER VOLUNTEER
Minimum 14 volunteers

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- FLIGHTS, INSURANCE, GROUND TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND MEALS
- FUNDING FOR LOCAL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, SUPPLIES, AND MEDICATION TO SUPPORT **435-800+ PATIENTS**
- FUNDING TO EMPLOY YEAR-ROUND, INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO MAXIMIZE SUSTAINABLE IMPACT



- Students fundraise from businesses and individuals to pay for the brigade (travel, lodging, and all meals are covered)
- It is a group effort to cover costs
- Funding not only covers the brigade, but also goes to the **Sustainable Health Fund**, which enables *year-round healthcare* in the partnering community

Benefits to the University and Students



- Students benefit from financial contribution from the school towards their fundraising goal
- The upgrade to a school-supported internship would reduce the financial burden on students and allow them to focus on the leadership skills that come from planning the brigade
- Unique opportunity for hands-on learning about social justice in the modern day
- Development of student character and progress towards becoming true global citizens
- Great opportunity to expand social network and build a sense of community and belonging







"Not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

Thank you for your time.