Facilitating youth educational programs and encouraging the perusal of higher education in low income communities

Overview: Students on this experience will work in partnership with the Ohio State University Extension staff in Vinton County, Ohio. Participants will be interacting with over 1400 youth in the Vinton County school system to promote continuing education beyond high school and introduce and discuss the opportunities that the youth can have in a variety of post-secondary options. The Vinton community is a rural county and experiences some of the highest levels of poverty in the state of Ohio. The Vinton County school system seeks to collaborate with universities and outside peers that can help answer questions about college and post-secondary education for their students.

Day-to-day: Students will facilitate a variety of programs and exercises throughout the week to discuss college and encourage students to think about their future careers. Participants will also visit with college staff from the Rio Grande Community College-McArthur Center, interact with the Vinton County Local School Board and meet with the local extension advisory committee to.

The Nitty-Gritty Details: This trip will be a shortened Buck-I-SERV trip that departs on March 10 and returns on March 15. This trip is also a smaller group consisting of 6 total group members. The group will receive a small grocery budget to purchase meals, but participants should plan to pack additional food and meals.