



Duke Cancer Institute Office of Health Equity Community Health Ambassador Training

During the summer break, four SAU Falcons participated in a **Community Health Ambassador Training** sponsored by the **Duke Cancer Institute Office of Health Equity**. The **Community Health Ambassador (CHA) Training** was designed to build capacity within communities to increase knowledge about cancer prevention, screening, and participation in research clinical trials with the overall goal of decreasing health disparities, specifically related to cancer. The training program also emphasized the need to focus on health equity through cancer-focused education and awareness. Participants gained a better understanding of different programs and services available, especially to the underserved.

Dr. Kelcy W. Pope, Department Chair of Public Health and Exercise Science, states, “Having our Public Health students participate in this training opportunity speaks to their commitment to ensuring those who are experiencing health disparities receive the vital information needed to make informed health decisions.”

Goals of the Community Health Ambassador Program:

- Provide a collaborative cancer focused education and outreach program
- Train and support culturally diverse community members and faith-based leaders
- Improve and strengthen relationships

**Duke Cancer Institute Office of Health Equity
Community Health Ambassador Training Participants
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