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## SPAHP STUDENTS VISIT WIND RIVER RESERVATION FOR SPRING BREAK

**Omaha, Nebraska (March 12, 2007)** --- Over Spring Break, Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions students Cara Walkup, William Knight, Brittany Smith, and Christina Trachte participated in a Spring Break Immersion to the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. The Wind River Reservation is home to two Native American Tribes: the Shoshone and the Arapaho. The SPAHP students had the opportunity to tour the Fort Washakie Indian Health Service Clinic learning about the health care services provided to the Tribes. After a brief orientation, the students spent time shadowing the public health nurses on home visits to gain an understanding of the home environments and the health status of the people. The students also had the opportunity to visit local cultural centers of the Tribes to learn about the impact of culture upon health in Native American communities.

For an outreach activity, on Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, a Gates Millennium Workshop was offered to high school juniors seeking to go to college. To promote the Workshop, four local schools were contacted and site visits were conducted to two of the local schools to share information about this scholarship for Native American students.

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Above left: SPAHP students William Knight, Cara Walkup, Brittany Smith and Christina Trachte outside the Fort Washakie Indian Health Service Clinic.

Above right: St. Stephens Church at the St. Stephens Indian Mission in Wyoming.