Three faculty and nine MPH students left Hampton Roads to experience an international exchange program with the Republic of Moldova. When asked about her experience this is what Jaclyn Finger, one of the MPH students, had to say.

What did the team of students and faculty do while they were in Moldova? “Our first evening in Moldova, Dr. Combs hosted a dinner at Cricova. Cricova is a Moldovan winery, located in the town with the same name, 9 miles north of Chisinau. This famous wine cellar is a popular attraction for tourists because it is located 330 feet underground and stores over 1.25 million bottles of rare wine. After we toured the production facility, we were taken to view the famous wine collections including those of Vladimir Putin and Secretary of State, John Kerry. At the dinner, Dr. Brian Martin, Professor Linda Pautz, and Advisor Robert Alpino presented the Moldovan exchange students with certificates in appreciation for their participation in our program at EVMS/ODU. During the next few days in the Republic of Moldova we visited both governmental and non-governmental healthcare agencies. We toured a community clinic inside Chisinau as well as the Primary Health Care Center in a rural area. We were also introduced to their view of alternative medicine at the Centre of Chinese Traditional Medicine.”

What was one thing that stood out to you? “Their immunization arsenal for the entire Republic at the National Public Health Center.”

What was something interesting that happened while you were there? “During our last dinner, we noticed several wedding receptions hosted at the same venue. Culturally, the beautiful celebration was no different than what we would expect in the United States: dinner, music and dancing. What we didn’t expect was that one of the wedding party members came over and invited us to dance as part of their traditional Moldovan circle dance. With an offer that we couldn’t refuse, we joined in on their festivities. As we danced around in a circle with our hosts from the Moldovan School of Public Health as well as our new-found friends, it was a reminder to us of how similar we all are. We may live on opposite sides of the world, with many diverse backgrounds and career aspirations, but one thing is universal: public health. We all share the need, the frustration and often the joy of its efforts.”
What would you say was the overall theme of the trip?
"Gratitude was the central theme of the experience. It was a way to expand our vision of what public health is, who it serves, what it should become, and what we fight so deeply for in our own system."

To view more photos of the trip to Moldova, click here.

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Alumni Accomplishments

Ali Ahmed, MPH 2013 graduate was an international student from Saudi Arabia. He returned home after graduation from the MPH program and is pleased to announce that he has passed the United States Medical Licensing Board Exams. These are the same exams that American students have to take to graduate from Medical School. He will receive his MD in August.

Elizabeth Rogers, MPH 2013 graduate was offered and accepted a fellowship position with the CDC as part of the ASPPH/CDC Allan Rosenfield Global Health Fellowship Program. She will be working with the CDC in Lusaka, Zambia.

Brian Di Pace, MPH 2013, and Victoria Garcia, MPH 2014, were both accepted into the PhD in Biostatistics program at VCU.

The Program would like to say congratulations and best wishes on your new endeavors!

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