

Periclean Scholars

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What is Project Pericles?

The Periclean Scholars Program is a three-year, cohort-based learning experience that focuses on forming mutually-beneficial partnerships locally and abroad. This competitive program also fosters strong and supportive relationships between cohort members and their Mentor. The program is the centerpiece of Project Pericles, which is committed to raising the level of civic engagement and social responsibility of the entire university community.

The program prepares students to be global citizens and informed leaders and to foster an ethic of work and service.

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Costa Rica 2025

The 12 Sophomore Periclean Scholars (Class of 2025) are taking a 4-credit class that has focused on understanding the history of the United States in the last 400 years (including chattel slavery, a society built around white supremacy, the development of Jim Crow laws, the harassment and violence against people of color ever since, and the Civil Rights movement) to then explore the history of the presence of the United States in Latin America.

After that, these Scholars have been learning about immigration processes to the United States and, at this point, they are starting to learn about the Latinx community in Alamance County and about issues of importance in Costa Rica, the country of focus for this cohort.

CityGate Dream Center

On Oct.25, the 12 Sophomore Periclean Scholars, their peer mentor (Elon junior Camryn Harris), and their faculty advisor (Dr. Vanessa Bravo) visited the CityGate Dream Center, in East Burlington, to learn about the work this community center is doing with all people in Alamance County, but in particular with the Black community and the Latinx community. The plan is for the Periclean Scholars to partner with the CityGate Dream Center starting in the spring, collaborating with some of its programs and initiatives.





Social Justice

The 2024 cohort brought social justice advocate and award-winning scholar Dr. Dorothy Roberts to campus to guest lecture on "From Reproductive Choice to Reproductive Justice". This very successful event brought together students, faculty, staff, and greater community members. In the upcoming spring semester, the cohort will host a fireside chat book discussion of *Killing the Black Body*, authored by Dr. Roberts.

The scholars have been working with COLSAC - Campaign for One Legal System in Alamance County team since the last academic year. This semester they have participated in court watching and supporting voter registration efforts for the 2022 mid-term elections.

Morocco 2024

Finally, the Cohort will begin planning their visit to Rabat, Morocco, to work with the Foundation Orient-Occident, which supports young people from disadvantaged neighborhoods and promotes employability by setting up socio-educational and professional training structures throughout Morocco. Their visit is scheduled for the Winter term of 2024.





Sri Lanka 2023

Reflections - Abigail Fisher

We went to Sri Lanka for two weeks to study Queer rights and community building with our partner, Sarvodaya. I was moved not only by the organization in general and how Sarvodaya is working to create self-governing societies, but how many of these societies there were. I stayed in a home stay in a self-governing society, where my host mom was the community banker, studying for her MBA. I was met with so much love and appreciation for our work in their community.

We repainted the school with the community, connecting with the children there, even though we did not speak the same language. We helped plant a pineapple field, in a part of the country where pineapples are not usually cultivated. I also worked as the Production Assistant on our multimedia documentary on Queer Rights in Sri Lanka. As an interviewer, I had the chance to truly hear about people's experiences, stories, and struggles growing up in Sri Lanka. I was moved by the adversity Queer Sri Lankans have gone through, and how they have come out stronger. I hope our project helps them to achieve the life that they desire.

