

Hello Delegates,

My name is Caroline Olstad and I am excited to be a new addition to the Delegation for Friendship Among Women! I currently live in Minneapolis, Minnesota and work as an Account Manager at the American Red Cross in Biomedical Services. I oversee blood drives in a five county territory. Before that I worked as a Program Manager at the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota and obtained my Master of Public Health and Master of Social Work degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

I was interested in joining the Delegation to be able to learn from women abroad about how they are improving public health in their own countries. Not to mention I look forward to learning from all the fellow Delegates!

I also love to travel and am excited to visit countries I otherwise may not have traveled to- starting with Georgia! I have been fortunate to have traveled to all 7 continents, mostly through study abroad experiences (and a solo backpacking trip in Australia)! Some of those experiences have included working at an HIV/AIDS clinic in Trinidad and Tobago, conducting a research project on health and literacy in rural Indian villages, and helping with the remote management of a hospital in Somalia while living in Nairobi. We'll all have to swap travel stories when we meet!

I am happy to take on the role as Facebook moderator. I have already built the page which you can visit at: www.facebook.com/TheDelegationForFriendshipAmongWomen If anyone has any photos, videos, or suggestions for what to post on the page, please pass them along to me. We can use the Facebook page to showcase our own work but also to showcase the work of other organizations we have partnered with. If you think of any organization pages we should like or re-post, please let me know.

Thank you very much for including me as a Delegate and I look forward to meeting you all soon!

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