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### **Dental hygiene students going to Jamaica**

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Six University of Southern Indiana students and their professor will be winging their way to a week in the Caribbean at the time their classmates are starting fall classes at USI, but they are not headed for fun in the sun.

The group will leave Tuesday, September 2 -- the first day of fall classes -- to spend a week in Annotto Bay, an impoverished area in Jamaica that doesn't show up on a vacationer's itinerary. The students, as a part of independent study as they work toward a bachelor's degree, will provide dental sealant services at a community clinic and will present educational programs for the people.

Accompanying them will be Deborah L. Carl, USI Dental Hygiene Program director who has made the trip once before to assess its potential for USI students. This trip will be part of her sabbatical. She originally joined a group from Deaconess Hospital, which has adopted a Jamaican hospital, and the USI students also will be aligned with the Deaconess group, overseen by Chris Berneking. Carl said the project was instigated by the beacon group, which matches samaritans with needs, both in the U.S. and abroad. Jim Coy heads the beacon group in Evansville.

Carl said the need is real and the Jamaicans welcome the help that comes to them. "It gives them hope for something better" in life, she said. USI dental hygiene students were allowed to choose whether they would go to Jamaica, since they must pay their own way. Those who signed up include:

**Diane Lynn Barnes**, 2908 Saratoga Drive, Evansville; '83 Bosse High School graduate  
**Amanda Kraft Dardeen**, 813 Smith Road, Mt. Vernon, Indiana; '94 Mt. Vernon  
**Cindy S. Kleaving**, RR 2, Tell City, Indiana; '94 Perry Central  
**Tamara J. Smith**, 101 Main Street, Allendale, Illinois; '95 Lawrenceville  
**Emily J. Waltz**, 202 Bennington Road, Indianapolis, Indiana; '95 Roncalli  
**Kristina B. Welch**, 4855 Loudon, Bloomington, Indiana; '93 Edgewood

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