Where did we go?

- London, England!

Other Important Background

- The UK has a universal health care system
- Brexit is a major contributing factor to potential future changes to the health care system

Information

Our class work included three quizzes, two blog posts, a personal reflection as well as a final research project consisting of a podcast and presentation on a topic of our choosing comparing and contrasting the US and UK.

We went on multiple medical walking tours around London that were focused on public health, visited Parliament, the British Museum, St. Paul’s Cathedral, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the Florence Nightingale Museum, as well as Oxford and Cambridge.

We travelled with the Health Sciences Scholars Program

Purpose of Trip:

Compare and contrast the difference between the healthcare system in the UK and US

Skills Utilized/Developed

- Gained a better understanding of how a universal healthcare system functions
- Learned the differences in the role of the nurse in the US vs. the UK
- Learned about some of the culture and common practice in the UK
- Utilized the local “Tube” transportation system to navigate through the city

Classroom Connections

ALA 106: Perspectives on Health and Healthcare I
ALA 109: Perspectives on Health and Healthcare II

Career Connections

- Nurses get paid less than half of what they do in the United States
- They have one speciality and that’s the only area where they can work
- The UK has systems in place to control prices of prescriptions more heavily than the US does.

Advice

- Do research about the country before visiting
- Come up with a list of things you want to do or see beforehand
- Budget accordingly

Fun Things We Did In London

- Phantom of the Opera Play
- Mamma Mia Play
- Day trips to Oxford and Cambridge
- MANY art museums (and many were free!)