



# GLC-SOPHE

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## **Recent Chapter Highlights:**

- ◇ Created a Facebook page to reach the student population at area colleges
- ◇ Received multiple National Minigrants
- ◇ Hosted a conference entitled "Building Healthy Communities through State and Local Partnerships"
- ◇ Planning a conference that will cover utilizing technology to reach vulnerable populations

## **Predictions for health education in our state in next 18-24 months:**

Probably one of the most recognized issues among most organizations both locally and statewide is the ongoing budget cuts that we all face. Does this make us unique?? No but how we handle the situation will. This is a time when creativity, technology and well thought-out spontaneity will take the forefront on how we communicate and change the face of public health for the better.

## **How involvement in my SOPHE chapter has helped my professional development or career:**

"It has been a great opportunity to meet and work with other health educators from across the state. It has allowed me to promote as well as advocate the importance of public health and prevention on a local as well as a state level. "

*Heather Alberda*

## **Chapter accomplishment I'm most proud of?**

What makes me most proud is that the GLC-SOPHE chapter is so diverse in the area and amount of experience and expertise that we bring to the table as well as the passion that I see for public health not only on a personal level but on a professional level.

*Irene O'Boyle*

## **Next Chapter Event:**

March 2010  
Lansing, MI  
Topic: Technology & Reaching Vulnerable Populations