The Inter American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry SVOSH Chapter has a fulfilling March

The SVOSH-IAUPR chapter is always looking for opportunities to connect with other organizations and continue learning. March was not different. They share a couple of meaningful activities below. Congratulations SVOSH-IAUPR for being proactive and curious.

On March 14th, SVOSH-IAUPR participated in a Family Health Fair at the invitation of the Department of Health of Puerto Rico. The patients received comprehensive vision screening, were counselled on the results, and referred for further eye care when



Image 1 The SVOSH-IAUPR team during the Family Health Fair

needed. The SVOSH members Yuyza Irizary, Keishla Marrero, Desiree Colón, Ariana Cruz, Cristian Ríos, Felicity Palacios, and Lauren Boneta examined the patients under the supervision of Dr. Hector Santiago, Past President of VOSH/International.

In addition to serving the community, we had the opportunity to meet with the Secretary of Health of Puerto Rico, Dr. Víctor Ramos.



Image 2 Dr Santiago with Dr. Victor Ramos, Secretary of Health of Puerto Rico(left) and SVOSH-IAUPR member examining a patient (right)

On March 26th, Ms. Aleyda María Santos, President of the National Federation of the Blind of Puerto Rico, who is blind, presented a workshop to SVOSH on the protocols for helping and guiding blind people in public and clinical spaces. The workshop covered the Braille alphabet and included practice worksheets. There were two parts. In the first one, the students were able to have a Q &A with the blind community online, and the second part was an in-person engagement. The activity was very illuminating for the members of SVOSH, who will eventually become professionals serving this community.

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Image 3 The SVOSH-IAUPR team during the workshop on the protocols for helping and guiding blind people in public and clinical spaces.

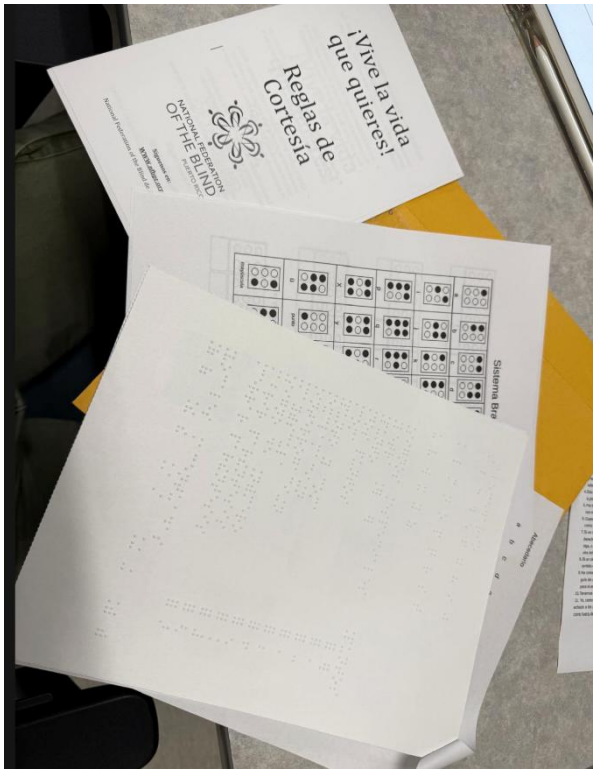


Image 4 Materials shared during the workshop