

# Students bring athletics to children of Haiti

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An OBHS junior said she made a difference by going on a trip to Haiti created by the Haitian Sports Foundation.

On a six-day trip this past April, Natalie Norcutt along with other Americans visited the Caribbean country partaking in a variety of sports activities with the children of Haiti.

"It was hard at first because of the language barrier, but once we got past that, everyone immediately bonded with the kids and loved it," said Norcutt. "Playing soccer with them was a great experience because they just had so much natural talent."

Norcutt and three other OBHS students -- Devin Terwilliger, Mikhail James, and Steven Jodogne -- spent the six days volunteering their time to bond with

underprivileged children. The trio spent the week participating in dances, singing songs, building leadership, jumping rope, visiting the beach, and watching movies with the children.

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The Haitian Sports Foundation is a non-profit organization that was created in July 2006. The program accepts donations via its website.

"[My favorite part was] seeing how they really live. It gave me an appreciation for everything that we have in America," said Norcutt, adding she plans to continue her involvement in the program next year.

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Anyone interested in joining the program can contact Norcutt at the high school or through the

foundations website.

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Courtesy of robhobson.com  
Natalie Norcutt captures an intense moment at the Amsterdam Theater.

## Norcutt claims four

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receptionist at College Sports TV. When he was offered another job, he went to work as an assistant at CBS Sports, and was then promoted to a producer. Afterwards he did freelance work as a camera man, or "shooter", which is also considered to be a



Courtesy of Mikhail James  
Devin Terwilliger, Mikhail James, and Natalie Norcutt speak in front of a group of Haitian children before heading out to play.

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