

Roots of Resilience: Empowering communities through the arts and agriculture

SAN JUAN AND LAS MARÍAS, PUERTO RICO

In September 2017, Puerto Rico was struck by Hurricane María, causing devastating effects throughout the island. Today communities are still regaining access to infrastructure and services. As one part of community rebuilding, people throughout Puerto Rico are coming together through shared cultural identities. On this trip, we will engage with local organizations that are helping efforts to restore communities in both urban and areas of the island. Through our work with Taller Tambuyé in San Juan and Plenitud in Las Marías, we aim to explore how the creative arts, folklore and farming serve as cultural unifiers in this challenging time for Puerto Ricans.

Leaders: Hollie Haigh '19 and Mike Nunzianté '19

Participant fee: \$275

Education Beyond the Classroom

OCHO RIOS, JAMAICA

We will explore the education system through partnership with organization called Girlz With Goals which collaborates with schools in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. During the trip, we will be visiting schools and running workshops with children aged 8-16. We will focus on fostering skills including public speaking, expression through art and theatre, and leadership. Participants will work together in advance of the trip to plan these activities based on their own areas of interest. We hope to learn how culture and access to resources shapes the country's education system at elementary, high school and university levels.

Leaders: Francoise Niyigena '21 and Saif Panday '21

Participant Fee: \$375

Storytelling through Art Therapy

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

We will be partnering with an organization called Storiez that aims to help trauma survivors and inner-city youth to find their voices and strengths to overcome life challenges through the powers of narration. We will utilize skills and knowledge gained from Storiez to support and volunteer with art therapy organizations, thus, learning and contributing to diverse communities in Philadelphia through art and storytelling.

Leaders: Flor Fernandez Montes '21 and Masha Makutonina '21

Participant Fee: \$275

Community, Creativity, and Conservation: Environmental Stewardship in a Changing Climate

PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA

In a time when many communities are experiencing social and environmental change, finding ways to understand the interconnectedness of the human and natural worlds is critical in sustaining cultural knowledge and environmental well-being. On this MAIt trip, participants will seek to achieve this by working in Port St. Lucie, FL, with the Oxbow Eco-Center, whose mission is to inspire stewardship for the natural world through education, artistic expression, and physical engagement with the outdoors. This trip will be staying on Oxbow's 225-acre nature preserve and will be spending the majority of the time outdoors. Activities may include creating outreach materials such as marine debris art, restoring

habitats on the preserve, developing community gardens, participating in animal husbandry, and other enrichment and service learning opportunities. This MAlt trip will be camping in rustic conditions including compost toilets and an outdoor shower. All gear can be provided for the trip and the leaders will help anyone new to camping prepare for the trip.

Leaders: Brianna Lipp '20 and Rachel Veneziano '20

Participant Fee: \$275

Immigration Advocacy for Detained Families

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

We will be working with RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services), a non-profit that provides free and low-cost legal services to refugees and immigrants in Texas. Currently thousands of Central Americans are arriving at our southern border seeking asylum. Under the family detention team, we will prepare families for their "Credible Fear Interview" with an asylum office. We will also meet families once they have been released to the Greyhound bus station and give legal orientations. Participants must be proficient in Spanish and prepared to interact with individuals experiencing trauma in their lives.

Leaders: Alondra Carmona '21 and Hannah Krutiansky '19

Participant Fee: \$275

Imaginary Boundaries, Concrete Consequences: Exploring Haitian-Dominican Race Relations

PUERTO PLATA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

We will be working with Project Esperanza, an organization that focuses on creating positive change and a sustainable future for Haitian refugee and immigrant youths in the Dominican Republic through education and empowerment. Although they share a border within the Caribbean island of Hispaniola, the Dominican Republic and Haiti have had diverging histories, with different economic, political, and social climates. Their histories have also come together at times, with violent results and long-lasting effects. Thus, we will be exploring in more detail the tension between the two countries and learning about how the discrimination we see in the United States manifests itself in similar ways within the island of Hispaniola. We will also draw attention to colorism in Hispanic communities. Participants will engage with community members through hands-on service activities that seek to restore dignity and empowerment to Haitian-Dominicans who are marginalized for their heritage.

Leaders: Christeline Velazquez '19 and Jenne Meneses Montiel '19

Participant Fee: \$375