



HUGS

Alternative Spring Break

#SERVE #TRANSFORM #SPRING BREAK 2020

HELPING THE UNDERPRIVILEGED BY GIVING OUR SERVICE (HUGS)

BAHAMAS

February 29 – March 7, 2020..... \$1,400 (plus at least \$100 spending money)

You will work with our community partners: The Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled; the Stapledon School, a government sponsored school for special needs students; The Bahamas National Trust, The Bahamas Emergency Youth Hostel; and the Adventure Learning Science Center.

Students will stay at the Adventure Learning Science Camp where there are group cabins, shower facilities and a dining hall. Recreation time includes trips to the Nassau's Straw Market and Junkanoo Beach, Atlantis, as well as a few short runs to the "canal" where students can swim.

Majors: Education, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Sciences



ANCONCITO, ECUADOR

February 29 – March 7, 2020..... \$1,800 pending on airfare, price may be reduce (plus at least \$100 spending money)

This is a medical mission trip lead by Carrie Beebout, faculty member in the Physician Assistant Program, in cooperation with our community partner in Ecuador, the Foundation for the Medical Relief of Children (www.fimrc.org). Anconcito is a small fishing town on the western peninsula. In recent years, there has been an influx of fishermen and their families in search of a better life which has put a strain on the town's infrastructure and health clinic. Activities include shadowing doctors in the local health clinic, a tour of the local hospital, assisting doctors with nutritional advice and home visits to pregnant women, newborn babies and disabled patients. The official language of Ecuador is Spanish so the trip is appropriate for Spanish minors. A day-long group excursion on Sunday, March 1st is included in the cost of the trip.

Majors: Physician Assistant, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Public Health, Education, Spanish minors



Spanish fluency a plus, but not necessary!

FUNDRAISING TO HELP PAY FOR YOUR TRIP: A specifically formatted letter is available to send to your family, friends, neighbors, fellow Church members, etc. to request donations for your trip. Contact Lisa Georgiana, Director of the Center for Service and Learning, for a copy of this letter. You may contact Lisa at lgeorgiana@francis.edu.

WAITING LIST: If you apply to one of the HUGS program and it is full, your application and application fee will be held if you choose to be on a waiting list. Your deposit will be returned if you do not make the cut.

The cost for each trip varies (see above).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

September 9: \$300 / October 7: \$300

November 4: \$300 / December 9: Final Payment

Payments are non-refundable and must be paid on time.

**LIMITED SPACE!
Rosters are usually
complete by mid-October**

**THE APPLICATION WITH A \$300 NON-REFUNDABLE
DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO HOLD YOUR SPOT.**

For questions regarding the fees and application process contact:
Juliana Horvath, Office for Study Abroad, studyabroad@francis.edu

For questions regarding the trip itinerary or fund raising contact:
Lisa Georgiana, Center for Service & Learning, lgeorgiana@francis.edu

HUGS ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK APPLICATION

Return **completed application** to the Office for Study Abroad (205 Scotus Hall) along with **the \$300 nonrefundable deposit** (checks made payable to Saint Francis University) and **a copy of your passport**. To finalize the application process you will need to complete the following forms: *General Waiver, Academic Recommendation, and Medical History*. These forms are available at the Office for Study Abroad. Note: Previous health, academic, or disciplinary problems may influence your ability to participate in this program.

Name: _____ ☐ male ☐ female Student ID # _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____
street city/town state zip

Cell Phone: _____ Alternate E-Mail: _____

Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ ☐ Fr. ☐ So. ☐ Jr. ☐ Sr.

Professional License (if applicable): _____

I plan to volunteer in: ☐ Bahamas ☐ Ecuador

I want to participate in international service because: _____

Are there any special skills that you hope you can use on this mission trip? _____

I speak Spanish (check one): ☐ not at all ☐ a little ☐ basic conversation ☐ fluently

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (We will notify this person via email upon your arrival.)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Citizenship Status

Reporting your legal resident status is mandatory. Please check where appropriate.

☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Non-Resident Alien ☐ U.S. Resident Permit (Green Card) ☐ I have an F-1 student visa ☐ I will require an F-1 student visa.

Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy

Withdrawal from any Saint Francis University study or service abroad program must be made in writing and delivered to the Office for Study Abroad in person (15 Francis Hall) or certified mailed (Saint Francis University Office for Study Abroad, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA 15940). The date in which the withdrawal is received at Office for Study Abroad will determine the amount of refund.

If you withdraw or are withdrawn from your study abroad program you will receive a refund minus: non-refundable application fee, any non-recoverable portion of the airfare, any non-recoverable program costs such as housing payments and deposits, excursion pre-payments, etc. (The closer the program is to the start date, the less recoverable costs will be available). Student withdrawals are not accepted after the start of a program.

If you withdraw from the study abroad program, it is also your responsibility to withdraw from your study abroad courses.

Withdrawals from a study abroad program due to lack of passport and/or visa are held to the same withdrawal policies.

Agreement and Waiver

I certify that the information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that on becoming a student in this program, I shall be subject to all rules, regulations, and requirements as to conduct, academic, and financial policies of Saint Francis University, and the national and local ordinances of the country of which I am studying. I understand that Saint Francis University reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any student on account of unsatisfactory work or behavior. Saint Francis University and its affiliated institutions, in making arrangements for the program, act only as agents. Neither Saint Francis University, its Trustees, nor any of its employees, nor any other persons, parties, organizations, or agencies collaborating with them, is or shall be responsible or liable for injury, loss, damage, deviation, delay, or curtailment, however caused, or the consequences thereof which may occur during any of the travel or program.

Any misrepresentation on the part of the applicant is cause for non-acceptance, cancellation of acceptance, or dismissal from school if subsequently discovered.

Your signature below indicates your understanding and acceptance of the **Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy** and your acceptance of the **Agreement and Waiver** statement.

name date