What did I learn?

I gained the following things on my adventure abroad; a new outlook on life, a new appreciation for culture, stories to last a lifetime, and of course tons of photos to share and cherish. I was given an opportunity to learn about Honduran issues related to agriculture, education and international development through community outreach and education about agricultural needs and practices.



How did my experience impact me personally?

Through the unforgettable experience that traveling to Honduras has given me, there is one major thing that I realized, the little things in life. I take so many things for granted here in the United States, and I felt so guilty of everything I have compared to the children in Honduras. However, I soon found out that the little things in life that I tend to be ungrateful for are some of the things that Hondurans are forever changed by. The people of Honduras can have their day made by just one smile, laugh, or moment.

Honduras: Community Development and Education

Experience Description

My project is a study abroad trip to Honduras that is focused on community development and education. This particular education abroad trip is targeted for my major of Agricultural Systems Management, as well as the majors of Construction Systems Management and Agricultural Science Education. These three majors come together to help build and educate people within Honduras on agriculture.



How did my experience impact my academic, personal, and life goals moving forward?

I believe this trip has provided me with important experiences that I will use throughout the rest of my college career within my major and throughout the rest of my life in whatever career path I choose to aspire into. I would love to continue traveling around the world because I am anxious to observe other countries agricultural procedures used in their culture. Community development is also something that is close to my heart and I wish to continue my involvement in communities at home as well as abroad for the rest of my life.

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My favorite part of traveling to Honduras is the forever impact that the people I had the chance to interact with will leave on my heart. I will be eternally thankful for the lessons that the local Hondurans taught me in order to live a better, more appreciative life in my future years. I truly admire the Hondurans ability to take all the little things in life and turn them into special memories from living in the moment and savoring that time.



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Favorite part of my experience.