Creighton ILAC Vision

Creighton ILAC programs strive to support the mission and vision of ILAC/CESI in the Dominican Republic. ILAC educates U.S. participants by providing opportunities for them to build relationships and connections with Dominican community members, learn about the Dominican reality, provide needed services, receive generous hospitality, and reflect and grow in their faith during spiritual activities.

In 2015 Creighton worked with more than 540 high school, undergraduate, and professional students as well as professional health care providers, teachers, and other volunteers who traveled to the D.R. from 22 groups from all parts of the United States.

Students Transformed

In 2014-2015 the ILAC-Creighton office dedicated its efforts to assessing the impact of its programs on Creighton students. ILAC used a four-point Likert scale survey to measure the impact of short-term immersions. Adapting Fr. John Savard S.J.’s Service and Immersion Program Survey, ILAC measured the impact of international service immersion by touching upon seven categories: values, spirituality, compassion, social justice, cultural sensitivity, critical reflection, and sense of vocation. Six ILAC-Creighton student programs (Law, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Women’s Health, Water Quality and Summer Health Care program) were surveyed pre and post immersion. Results affirmed: students are transformed, specifically in regards to their faith, concern for the poor and marginalized, and desire to make an impact in the world.