

URI CATHOLIC CENTER NEWS



My name is **MAKAYLA GOULET** and I am a freshman at URI and a kinesiology major. I am participating in the mission trip going to the Dominican Republic where we will be going on house visits and working on local service projects in the area. I decided to go on this mission trip because it has been my dream to take part in a mission trip ever since I was little. I have had family members take part in them and I have always wanted to serve those who are in more need than myself. I hope to gain perspective and knowledge from the people I am serving. I hope to change myself for the better and build relationships with the families in the DR as well as those I am going on the trip with. To all those who helped support us and contributed, I would just like to send my most sincere gratitude and just let them know that we would not have been able to get there without them.

My name is **MORGAN WALSH**. I am a nursing major and a member of the Class of 2019. Over Spring break, I will be going to Haiti with Focus Missions. There, we will be staying with the Missionaries of Charity, Saint Mother Teresa's order. Mainly, we will be working at a children's hospital, however, there will be other service projects such as working in a women's clinic and anything else that the sisters would like. Helping others has always been a calling for me; it's why I chose to go into nursing. When I learned about the details of this specific trip, I immediately knew this was the one. I absolutely adore children, learning about different cultures, and anything medical related. This is my first mission trip, so I am not entirely sure what to expect. I hope to positively impact the lives of the people I will encounter on mission, while they are simultaneously impacting mine. I am also interested to learn the way that they practice faith and medicine and how it differs from the hospital experience that I have had here in the States. I cannot thank everyone enough that contributed to my mission trip either by donations or prayers. This experience would not have been possible without each and every one of you. I am forever grateful.



My name is **ALEXANDER RICHARDSON**. I am a mechanical engineering major and a member of the Class of 2017. I will be going to the Dominican Republic and while there I will be working with priests visiting homes and participating in local service projects. We will also spend time with the children hopefully brightening their day and at least one large service project. I hope to gain experience, knowledge, and humility by traveling to the Dominican Republic. I also hope to grow in my faith and become a better Christian by going. Going to church and praying are about the only things I do consistently for my faith. There are so many other things I could do as a Catholic but I never take time out of my week to do them including reading the bible, or learning about Saints. I realize that there are so many things I don't do and by going on a mission I hope to learn more about my faith while trying to teach it to others. To those who contributed to the Mission Trip Support Fund, thank you and God bless you. You not only helped me to go on this mission but also helped everyone else that we assist. Even though you may not

be physically traveling to the Dominican you are just as important and helpful as the missionaries and all the good work we will do as missionaries is just as much your success.

My name is **MARY KATE LEWIS**. I am a nursing major and a member of the Class of 2020. I am going on a mission trip to Haiti over Spring Break. In Haiti, we will be working with the Missionaries of Charity in Port-au-Prince, serving the impoverished people through food distribution, pop-up wound clinics, maintaining a home for the dying, and caring for sick babies and children in a hospital. I have never traveled and done service in a way that has incorporated my faith, and I am looking forward to adding such a beautiful and important aspect to an already exciting and impactful trip. Also, this specific mission trip seemed like the perfect fit for me, since we will be in a healthcare setting. I hope to grow stronger in my faith, as well as meet wonderful people from Haiti and learn more about their culture. I'm so thankful that you've been able to support Haiti through me by making this trip possible. I'm excited to keep you in my thoughts and prayers as we serve the people of Haiti alongside the Missionaries of Charity. God Bless!



MISSIONARY PROFILES

With our missionaries just completing or returning from their mission trips to Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Dominican Republic, I wanted to provide a few more profiles. Thanks to your generous support, their participation in these trips was made possible. Thank you! -Fr. Joe