

SERVICE TRIP TO GUATEMALA 2011

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Doane Academy's service trip to Guatemala has returned home after a life-changing week of delivering donations and lending a hand with service projects. Nine advanced Spanish language students under the leadership of teacher Alyssa Jerdon painted emergency rooms at a health clinic, poured cement for a nutrition center, handed out 1,000 pounds of donations, served meals and learned about the Guatemalan people by playing games and painting toe nails.

The cultural immersion not only improved the students' language skills but led to a leap in to personal growth. Students gave their all but received much more from their service.

The non-profit organization Hearts in Motion organized the service projects. Doane Academy is the first high school to partner with the organization, which usually facilitates programs with college students. The Doane students finished a number all optional projects, in addition to their assigned workload.

"It shows the work ethic our kids had while we were down there," says Ms. Jerdon, on her seventh Hearts in Motion excursion. "I thought I set the bar high for this trip but they set it themselves."

The students will present their work at a convocation on May 16, 2:30pm. The event will be free and open to the public.

About Doane Academy

Doane Academy, est. 1837, is an independent, college preparatory day school located in Burlington, NJ, next to the Burlington-Bristol Bridge. Founded in the Episcopal tradition, our liberal arts curriculum, Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade, challenges students to develop leadership and character. At Doane Academy students are known, loved and encouraged to reach their full, unique potential.



Who: Doane Academy

What: Service Trip to Guatemala

Where: Zacapa, Guatemala

When: April 16-23

Why: Cultural immersion, character development

How/\$: Hearts in Motion

Average cost \$1,500 per student

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