

My Journal Entry

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I chose Global Education because I had friends who were applying and I thought there was an unstoppable set of teachers running it. It just seemed like this course would be an excellent opportunity to make a difference in people's lives, both locally and internationally. It was almost as if Global Education itself had a will of its own to be something different from anything I had ever done; something that I think everybody should have the chance to experience. That was it, and I couldn't see myself anywhere else.

One sunny day during our many stimulating class discussions, an important question was thrown out into the spotlight. The posing question was: "Why Nicaragua? Why are we collectively spending \$75,000 to fly down to one of the most poverty-stricken nations in the entire western hemisphere? Why this when we have seen the need for change right here in Vernon first-hand?"

First of all, I believe that the two week humanitarian project in a foreign country was partly a luring factor that ignited the initial flame within many students. In a way it was the "sexy carrot" (-Mr. Gee) which at first made the course so remarkably appealing, magnetizing students in unanticipated numbers. This class is *so* much more than a mere fortnight in a developing civilization. The countless months of preparations, the long days of emotional discussion, the intense hours of Spanish cramming... These are all variables in an increasingly complex equation, which adds to the excitement and validity of the life-altering experience that Global Education is. On another note, In Nicaragua there will be language barriers, cultural differences, geographic and climatic differences, and even the people's physical appearance will be foreign to the meticulously selected individuals who are the voices of Global Education. All of that, combined with the unfaltering will of the teachers and students, is what is behind our class striving for Nicaragua. That is why I have chosen to be a pupil in this inspirational program.