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# DISASTER RELIEF & HUMANITARIAN ACTION

# THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE OFFICE AND THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE



#### INTRODUCTION

ISRAEL A. FREGOSO **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PSYCHOLOGY** ADMISSION AMBASSADOR INTERFAITH SERVICE COORDINATOR PI KAPPA ALPHA MEMBER

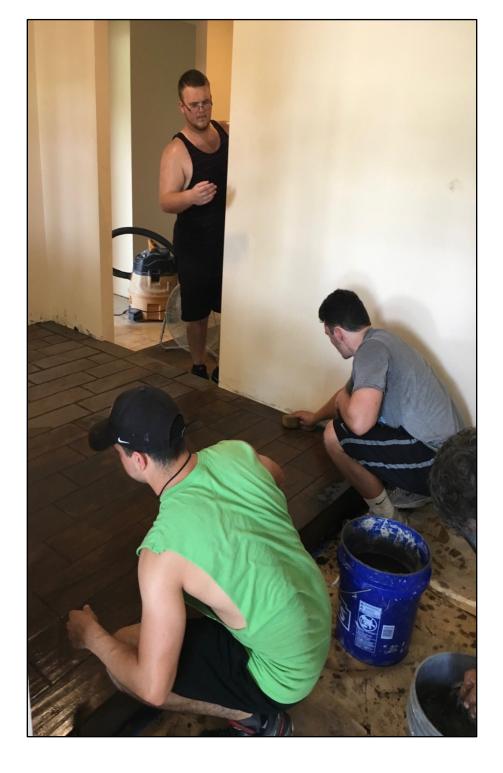


- MET FELLOW STUDENTS WITH SIMILAR VALUES AND **ASPIRATIONS TO SERVE OTHERS**
- INTRODUCED ME TO FACULTY WHO INSPIRED ME TO APPLY FOR LEADERSHIP POSITION IN **CHANGE CORPS**



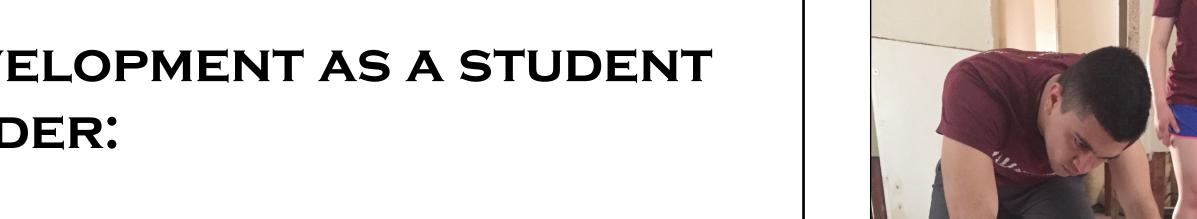


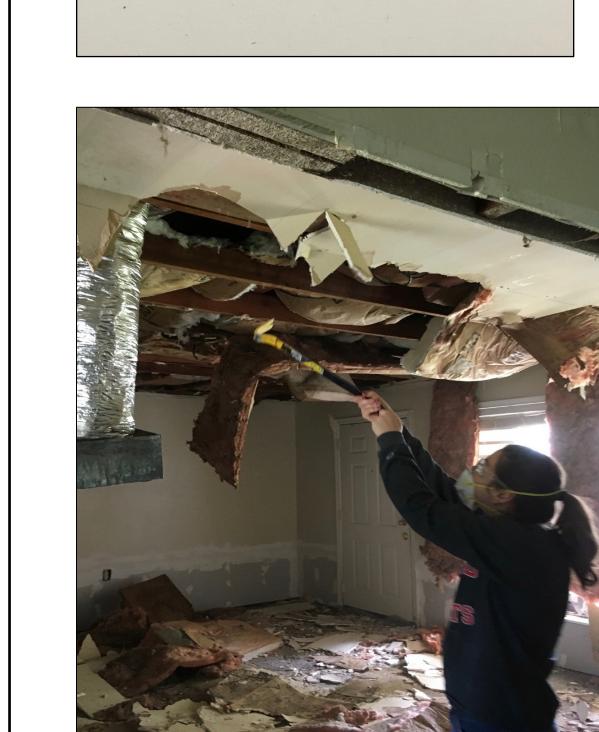






- 1.) LEADING BY EXAMPLE EVEN WITH FEW FOLLOWERS 2.) WORKING PROUDLY TOWARD A CAUSE THAT IS **BIGGER THAN ONESELF** 3.) LABORING ALONGSIDE INDIVIDUALS FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES
- 4.) OVERCOMING THE REALITY THAT COLLABORATION AND SOLIDARITY IS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH SOCIAL CHANGE 5.) Using bilingual skills to **CONNECT VOLUNTEERS FROM** ACROSS THE US AND PUERTO RICO





- REPAIRED HOUSES DAMAGED FROM HURRICANE HARVEY AND KATRINA
  - PAINTING, DEMOLISHING, INSERTING DRYWALL, DIGGING TRENCHES FOR
  - SPANISH/ENGLISH TRANSLATOR

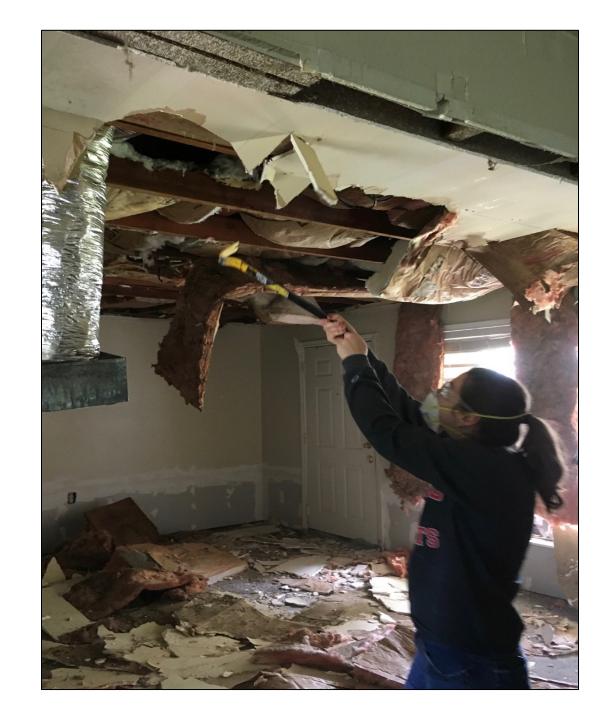
WATER LINES, ETC.

TRIP ACTIVITIES AND

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** 

IMMERSION INTO TEXAS & LOUISIANA CULTURE; DISCOVERING THE IMPACT OF CULTURE ON COMMUNITY RECOVERY AND HEALING





### THESE EXPERIENCES HAVE:

- EXPANDED MY UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE HOW THIS COUNTRY RESPONDS TO DISASTER RELIEF
- REVEALED TO ME THE DIRE NEED FOR HUMANITARIAN AID; THE WORK CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH COLLECTIVE EFFORTS AMONG VARIOUS COMMUNITIES





## AS A RESULT OF THESE EXPERIENCES I HAVE GAINED:

- A PASSION TO CONTINUE SERVICE IN DISASTER RELIEF; LED ME TO MEET CARMEN YULIN CRUZ, MAYOR OF SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
- KNOWLEDGE REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF CIVIC **ENGAGEMENT IN CURRENT** POLITICAL CLIMATE
- INSPIRATION TO PURSUE A MASTER'S IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AFTER LINFIELD