Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University

Placement Information

Saint Martin de Porres

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Transportation: Approximate travel time by car 15-20 minutes. Directions and public transportation information located in Faith-Justice Office.

Description of Agency/Activities: St. Martin de Porres is a Catholic school serving over 360 students in grades Pre-K through 8. The school is located in North Philadelphia. The majority of the students attending St. Martin’s are African-American. In the words of those who work at the School, “we strive to foster a deep respect for all cultures of the world. Recognizing that most of our students are of African American heritage, we incorporate the values and traditions of the African American culture into our curriculum, prayer, and worship.”

Student Role in Agency:
St. Joseph’s University Service-Learning students will run an after-school program or club that relates to business basics and/or stock markets. SJU service-learning volunteers will be mentors for students participating in the club, and will provide a space where students from St. Martin de Porres can have a better understanding of business and stock markets.

Unique Features of agency: The school seeks to provide the best quality of education to its students but is working to achieve this goal with limited resources. Forty percent of the households live below the official poverty level, with 45 percent of the households earning less than $15,000 per year. Nearly 50 percent of the children are raised in single family households. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated and warmly welcomed.

Orientation & Requirements: SJU and St. Martin de Porres policies require 4 clearances to volunteer at this placement: Criminal Background, Child Abuse History, FBI Fingerprinting and Minors on Campus Training Video. More information on how to complete these clearances is available at www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents and at Placement Awareness Training.