

Always a learning experience

Giving is receiving for volunteer Miranda Cruz

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Transcript

[M. Cruz] What really motivates me to stay involved in campus and in the community is that all of my volunteering is always a learning experience. There is always a variety of things that I can learn. I can learn more about social issues, more about how to deal with people, more about, just random things. Anything that's legal-based or anything. So, for me, it's always a learning experience, and it also is a social outlet where I can connect more socially with people.

I would say to those students that they should look into all the resources possible. First, talk to the Office of Community Service here and then maybe the work study office, the office of service learning, and to really get out there... really just... If they have never volunteered before to just take the step. It will always be a rewarding experience, and there is always a way for students to find volunteer opportunities that can tailor to their interests and their major field. It's also an opportunity for them to learn while they're volunteering.

[M. Gonzalez] Miranda has been an unconditional volunteer. She comes to Faith Hope and Love unconditionally and just wanting to serve. She started in April as an intern. Then after that she worked for several months as the English as a Second Language Administrator for Faith Hope and Love for several months.

The way she does it I think it really enriches her life. Also it encourages others people that's serving is actually receiving. That in serving you receive a lot more than what you give. And I think that's what going through Miranda. That as she serves she receives the satisfaction that enriches her life and also the lives of others. And I think that's one unique quality of Miranda that because of her unconditional service, her passion to reach out to other people, she receives a lot more than what she gives.