



### SPRING TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

In March, a team of 43 YASC volunteers, together with seven Yale undergraduates, traveled to Batey Libertad, a rural community of Haitians, Dominicans, and Dominicans of Haitian descent. We worked closely with Yspaniola – a nonprofit formed by Yale undergraduates and alumni that promotes quality education in the batey – to teach children; play sports; consult with community members about healthcare issues; paint murals; build walls, gardens, and trash bins; and advise local entrepreneurs.



Learning construction techniques



Creating a mural



Celebrating color theory

"I have had the most amazing week in the Dominican Republic, serving in an underserved community. Not only have we helped Batey Libertad, we all, Yalies and friends of Yalies, have had our own week of growth, love, and sense of community amongst ourselves and the local people with whom we've worked hand in hand."  
– YASC volunteer

For more information about Yspaniola, visit [yspaniola.org](http://yspaniola.org)



Problem solving



Providing business advice



Arts and crafts were a new experience for many of the kids

"The trip to the Dominican Republic with Yspaniola and YASC was one of the most engaging travel experiences I've ever had. Experiencing Batey Libertad and learning about Yspaniola's work with such a thoughtful group of people is precisely one of the reasons I love Yale so much – getting to study and experience the world with people who are interested in asking the same questions that I am."  
– Yale student



Teaching dental hygiene

### RETURN TRIP TO CAPE TOWN

In August, YASC completed its second service trip to the township of Philippi, on the outskirts of Cape Town, South Africa. Fifty YASC volunteers worked in collaboration with Amandla Development, established and directed by Scott Clarke '02, and completed projects in business consulting, children's hearing screening, public health, women's health and performing arts.



Ready for business



Hearing test



Performance time

"YASC provided me the opportunity to learn from others, hearing firsthand accounts of the generational impacts of an education system, housing policies, and employment restrictions that were systematically designed to oppress and segregate . . . Change is not instantaneous; however, the spirit of Amandla and its community connections gives me hope for a more equitable South Africa in future generations."  
– YASC volunteer





Talking about sex



In the classroom



Discussing women's health

YASC's service trips to Philippi have been its first experience serving an inner-urban community. Philippi is an underserved settlement of about 200,000 residents which today, after the end of apartheid policies, faces the challenges of poverty, unemployment, and overcrowding. Amandla Development works to empower South African youth with equal access to quality educational opportunities.

For more information about Amandla Development, visit [amandladevelopment.org](http://amandladevelopment.org)

## SIGN UP NOW FOR OUR 2020 TRIPS

### PUERTO RICO: March 7-15, 2020

YASC will be working at Residencial Luis Llorens Torres, the largest housing project in the Caribbean, located in the Isla Verde neighborhood of San Juan. Our partner will be Instituto Nueva Escuela, an organization that is bringing Montessori education to public schools in Puerto Rico. We are planning projects in athletics, education, construction, and public health at two of their schools, serving kids from pre-K through 9th grade. A post-trip extension in Puerto Rico is being planned.



### PERU: July 18-26, 2020

YASC will be partnering with Minga Peru, an organization that empowers women to promote change in their communities, to undertake projects in three villages in the Loreto region of the Peruvian Amazon. Anticipated projects include business consulting, construction, education (including possible participation in Minga Peru's radio broadcast), leadership development, murals, and public health. A post-trip excursion to Macchu Pichu is also being offered.



Registration is open for both trips at [yalealumniservicecorps.org/current-trips](http://yalealumniservicecorps.org/current-trips)

## A COORDINATED APPROACH TO YALE ALUMNI SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Representatives from YASC, Yale Day of Service, the Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance, and members of the Yale Alumni Association Board of Governors participated in a workshop in September to consider how to provide a fuller range of service opportunities for Yale alumni and friends. We hope that this will result in finding additional options for YASC volunteers to work with Yale alumni to partner with a wider range of communities on an ongoing basis.

For further information about YASC, visit [yalealumniservicecorps.org](http://yalealumniservicecorps.org) or contact

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