

The Nicaragua Initiative

SU Engagement with the UCA and Nicaragua 2013-2014 and 2014-2015

FY 2013 and FY 2014

- May, 2013 – SU hosts ten-person UCA delegation for campus visit and joint conference titled: “Jesuit Universities Engaging Poverty: Perspectives from Seattle and Managua.”
- Summer, 2013: SU Nursing in Nicaragua Program sent nursing faculty and students to conduct health assessment Corazon Contento School in Granada, Nicaragua.
- November, 2013 – SU hosts UCA President, Jose Idiaquez, SJ, who preaches at the El Salvador Martyrs Memorial liturgy and delivers the Maguire Lecture titled: “Suffering and Solidarity: A Challenge for Jesuit Universities.”
- Winter Quarter, 2014 – 3 Matteo Ricci students participate in 10-week internship program with community development organization in Nicaragua.
- March, 2014 – UCA hosts SU President Steve Sundborg, SJ and an SU delegation for collaboration meetings and an address by Fr. Steve titled: “Two Universities, One Jesuit Mission.”
- Spring break, 2014 – Dr. Marsolek from SU Chemistry takes students to build a coffee wastewater treatment project with UCA faculty and students.
- June, 2014 – UCA welcomes SU faculty/staff delegation on the “Nicaragua Immersion Experience,” a weeklong formation program for SU faculty and staff in Nicaragua.

FY2015 (Year Currently in Progress)

COMPLETED

- Summer 2014 – SU Spanish Language Professor Ines Miranda takes 22 SU students to the UCA where they take 3 classes from UCA faculty for Spanish minor.
- Summer 2014 – SU faculty member Brenda Bourne (Biology) and 2 UCA faculty led 4 SU students and 6 UCA students on a course focusing on water and the environment.
- Summer, 2014 – UCA business students came to SU for two-week learning module in Albers School of Business.
- Summer, 2014 – SU welcomes UCA faculty member Jorge Huete (Biology, and Senior Vice President) to present at the conference of the SU Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability on the “Environmental Challenges Posed by the Transoceanic Canal.”
- October, 2014 – UCA welcomes SU faculty members Kristi Lee (College of Education) and Serena Cosgrove (MRC) to present at their “International Conference on Migration.”

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- November, 2014 – SU named a member of Fair Trade Colleges and Universities thanks to the efforts of SU professors collaborating with the UCA and Nicaragua.
- November, 2014 – SU law professor Tom Antkowiak submits a briefing with his students to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of the Organization of American States in support of Nicaraguan indigenous communities to be affected by the Interoceanic Canal.
- November, 2014 – SU hosts two UCA colleagues (Ignacio Lange, SJ and Patricia Suarez Martinez) to join the local retreat team for the Ignatian Retreat for Faculty & Staff.

UPCOMING

- Winter Quarter, 2015 – 3 Matteo Ricci students participate in 10-week internship program with community development organizations in Nicaragua.
- March, 2015 – UCA will host two SU colleagues (Pat Kelly, SJ and Maria Ochoa) to join the local retreat team for the Ignatian Retreat for UCA Faculty, Staff & Students.
- March, 2015 – UCA will host SU guests to gather video footage on the SU-UCA partnership.
- Spring break, 2015 – Dr. Marsolek (Engineering), Dr. Jackels (Chemistry) and Dr. Le (Business) with UCA faculty and students working with Nicaraguan fair trade cooperative on water treatment plant and marketing plan.
- April, 2015 – UCA president Fr. Chepe will give keynote address at SU Mission Day (April 16) which will focus on Global Engagement and The Nicaragua Initiative.
- Spring Quarter, 2015 – Dr. Haydee Granados from the UCA to teach classes and guest lecture at SU in Women and Gender Studies.
- Summer, 2015: SU Nursing in Nicaragua Program will send nursing faculty and students to conduct health assessment Corazon Contento School in Granada, Nicaragua.
- Summer, 2015 – 2 SU Law School students will have internships with the UCA in Nicaragua.
- Summer, 2015 – Faculty led student teams will carry out research on immigration in Nicaragua. This major project led by Dr. Cosgrove will involve 3 UCA professors and 10 UCA students, plus 2 SU professors and 10 students to Nicaragua.
- Summer – Dr. Cosgrove will teach research methodologies in UCA social sciences doctoral program.