

International Program Class of 2015, Congratulations and Welcome to JVC!

*On behalf of all the staff at JVC, Billy, Pat, Paige, Liz and I are very excited to announce that we have completed the International placement process and extend to you another **warm welcome** as one of our 20 new JVs who will be serving internationally from 2015-17!*

Among you is also Rose Costello who has been accepted to serve for a third year as a JV in Ciudad Sandino, Nicaragua. Congratulations, Rose!

It is our pleasure and joy to welcome you into the JVC family and we look forward to all that lies ahead as you begin on your journey as a JV. We acknowledge that your journey to this point began many months, if not years before today, and we are honored that your discernment of the next step for you includes JVC in an international placement.

With this announcement, please feel free to share your acceptance of JVC with family and friends and **thank you** for accepting this invitation to enthusiastically enter into JVC's Covenant over the next two years. In our communications, we have contacted the Jesuits and worksites where you will be serving, and in the next day or two, we will also be sharing this news with the JV communities who will receive you in the field.

Attached is the roster for JVC's International Class of 2015. You may notice on the roster, under the "JV Community" column, that there are names for each JVC community. The houses/casas are typically named after a person from each local community who has been influential in the local culture(s) and/or who has raised awareness around the social justice issues shaping that city or region. The JV community names are one way to draw each of you into an exploration of the local cultural context where you will be living, to learn how the name is significant from the perspective your hosts, and that wherever you go beyond your 2-3 years of service with JVC, that you will carry the meaning of these names with you, as a fire burning for justice within your hearts.

Our Hopes and Prayers for you....

JVC is both a program of *service* and of *formation*, so our hope is that forming you as a JV has started as early as the discernment process and will continue long after your term of service in your life as a former Jesuit Volunteer (FJV). With that being said, **we hope that from this moment onward you approach each interaction with us and each other, and each day moving**

you closer to your actual departure from the U.S. as a day of *preparation and training*. The Jesuits, other JVs, and especially our local hosts in each country deserve not just any persons to fill a space, but ones who are holistically committed to being the most authentic version of themselves they can be at this time in their life, and to being as open as possible to learning, reflecting, and enhancing themselves, so they can offer their best to others with whom they will be building relationships, learning from, and giving service.

We are *thrilled* that you've chosen to serve and continue in your formation through committing to two years of JVC, and we look forward to sharing in this journey with you. Know that all **20** of you are in our prayers during this time of anticipation and preparation.

Please see the attached document for additional important logistical details, communication information, and action items.

Important Action Steps	
April 21	Confirm JVC email account set up, see attachment for details
April 21	Fill out the General Information Survey, see attachment for details

Blessings,

Shelby with Liz, Billy, Paige, Pat and the entire staff of JVC



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