COORDINATORS SPOT

Dear Peace Corps Volunteers & Friends of the Tulane MI Program:

We hope your summer has been going well. We have indeed heard from most of you during this time. We are glad to report that all of you, regardless of life's idiosyncrasies, are doing well. And we mean that.

As you may know, Tulane is one of Peace Corps' top recruiting schools, and we continually produce awesome volunteers that make long-lasting impacts in their communities. We are in constant contact with Peace Corps Washington and MI headquarters continually seeking testimonials from our volunteers! Thanks for your efforts in keeping us posted as to the changes in your country.

We wanted to take time this summer just to send you a brief message letting you know that we miss you and are constantly thinking of ways that we can assist you in your service.

Your Masters Internationalist Coordinators, John Hembling and Mary Parker, both have taken classes this summer. John is now gallivanting through South America, with the aim of ending up in Costa Rica by August 6th for one of Tulane's international courses. Mary is holding down the fort at the office and taking a few more summer courses (how many extra credits will she end up with?)

Dean Boston and Jeffery, oh! sorry, its Dr. Jeffery now (congrats Jeffery!), are still working hard for you and keeping abreast of your activities.

Festivals and artists are weaving their way in and out of New Orleans during throughout the past hot and humid months of summer. As of late, hurricanes, tropical storms, and tornados, are now following in pursuit.

Continue to let us know how your projects are going and keep the photos rolling in.

Take Care,
Mary Parker, RCV South Africa 2002
John Hembling, RCV Nicaragua 2002

DEPARTING MI'S

Within the months of August and September we have several volunteers that are beginning and completing their service.

For those of you just starting out, remember to hold onto your reason for joining the Peace Corps and utilize your peer networks as resources and support.

Congratulations to all you MI's in the field.

Congratulations to all of you who are completing now have another cross cultural skill-set as you reintegrate back into your "old" life back home.
NEW ADDITIONS

The Tidewater building has changed in a few ways since many of you left the rectangular halls of our learning environment. On the first floor, we now have the Collins O. Diboll Auditorium Complex. It consists of a 250-seat auditorium and a gallery. Many of the core classes are being taught within the auditorium which has a wall-size projector and theater-like lighting. However, before you even see the auditorium and gallery, outside on Canal Street you will notice that the Tidewater lettering on the building has been replaced with Tulane Health Sciences Center. Yasachi! The "downtown" campus is coming along. As you enter the lobby on the first floor, you will see that the hallway is decorated with plants that truly brighten up area. The student lounge has new furniture and it is rumored that a new extension is underway across the hallway. All in all, change is happening and when you stop by for a visit, you will be proud of the improvements.

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INSPIRATION CORNER

A few weekends ago, I finally sat down to watch Coach Carter, a film about a U.S. high school basketball coach that inspired and encouraged his team on and off the basketball court. Although the plot was predictable, I left this movie inspired and reinvigorated to finish out my last semester of classes and to remain diligent and encouraged in the daunting task of job searching. Repeatedly, Coach Carter asked his players, "What is your deepest fear?" During a rather climactic point of the movie, one of the players realized the coach's purpose for this question and recited the passage that I have placed here for you.

Cut this passage out and refer to it when you feel like your projects are not successful. Read this when you question your reason for being in Peace Corps. Read this when you doubt whether or not you are making a difference. Review this passage for encouragement. But most importantly, share it with someone else.

---Mary Parker

Our deepest fear is that we are inadequate. It is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?

Actually, who are you not to be? Your playing small does not serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine, as children do. We are not meant to shrink.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

---Marianne Williamson