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This course was an excellent tool to learn and reflect about the concepts of compassion, social responsibility, justice, and diversity. In class, I was provided with the opportunity to define and understand all of the concepts mentioned before. Thanks to class assignments, presentations, and debates I was able to feel comfortable demonstrating my compassion to others, understand the importance of my responsibility to maintain a balance and fair society, and it encouraged me to think about social injustice issues in ways I had not before. It provided me with knowledge and skills to work with others to promote social justice and it helped me gain awareness about my identity.

Thanks to this course, I had the opportunity to interact in a personal way with members of the local Latino community enriching my understanding of their culture and the Spanish language. From the beginning of this course I was able to understand the importance of implementing the classroom learning's with my experience of service learning hours. It also gave me an excellent opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the community through this service learning experience. I gain insight into my career objective and it provided me motivation to engage more fully in communities. Making me a better multicultural community builder.

This course gave me an opportunity to develop knowledge and skills that are relevant to my future career. It provided me with valuable career related experiences working collaboratively with Castroville Elementary addressing pressing community concerns. This helped me to put my academic knowledge's and skills into direct practice and learn to reflect on how to make Castroville a better community in which to live and work.

One of my assignments that enhanced my cultural knowledge of Castroville was the community scan. In this assignment I had an opportunity to visit places, talk to at least three people, visit some schools, learn about the community's demographical data such as race, socioeconomic structure, income generating industries and businesses of the community. Helping me to understand and reflect on and or find out the current issues the community is facing. Thanks to this assignment, I gain a lot of cultural knowledge.

As a language learning experience, through this course I was able to practice, foment, and learn communication skills in Spanish. The course was conducted in Spanish and I was expected to participate in classroom discussions, oral presentations, and maintain a reflective journal in Spanish. I was expected to complete a total of 30 hours of service learning. I conducted my service learning hours in the small community of Castroville, where I used Spanish regularly with students, staff, and parents.

At Castroville Elementary, I was able to work in the Dual Immersion Program. The program's goal is for the students to become bilingual: Spanish and

English. Being able to complete my hours in this classroom it enhanced my language skills and cultural knowledge. For example, most of the student's were Spanish native speakers and English learners and I constantly had to speak Spanish to them. By having the interaction with students and their parents I was regularly engaged with the Spanish Language. It helped me to practice and improve my Spanish. Also I was able to support those students by teaching them English. In class, I completed a bilingual questionnaire that helped me to understand and share my linguistic biography with the rest of my classmates. I was able to determine what I can do with the Spanish language in the interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational mode of communication thanks to the completion of the Can Do statement assignment.

The final presentation of the course reflected all my learning's obtained in class and during my devoted participation at Castroville Elementary. I learned so much in class and sharing those learning in Castroville Elementary. It has motivated me to listen and learn from different perspectives from my own. I feel I have the courage to speak up against oppressive behaviors such as sexism, racism, classism, discrimination, etc. As a result of this course, I have developed a stronger sense of commitment to being involved in my community. I will continue to provide service hours at Castroville Elementary even though I already completed my hours. I feel comfortable participating in the community and school after this class.