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# INTERNATIONAL HEALTH & HISPANIC CULTURE



**Emily Blackshire:** This research will analyze the impact of physical, psychological, and sexual violence, and the role of social workers and healthcare professionals in domestic violence.

**Jardin Dogan:** This research will focus on the prevalence of postpartum depression including treatment, counseling, medication, support groups and self-help techniques.

**Jada Jones:** This research will explore pregnancy complications such as preeclampsia and gestational diabetes, to analyze the leading causes of infant and maternal mortality.

**Chelsea Frasier** This research will focus on non-communicable diseases (diabetes, cancer) and prevention of nutritional problems that can lead to chronic conditions.

**Eandra Hall:** This research will explore social disparities faced by children and how these disparities affect their health outcomes in order to provide more education.

**Nigel Jones:** This research will analyze the healthcare system in the Dominican Republic, the services provided to Haitian immigrants, and related health and social issues.

**Thomas Offerle:** This research will include an analysis of the most current and emerging treatments for Kahler's disease and the role of the stem cell support therapy.

**Elizabeth Villegas:** This research will explore the physical and psychological damage as consequences of sexual abuse: chronic pelvic pain, pregnancy complications, migraines.

**Ainsley Wingard:** This research will focus on cardiovascular diseases to study risk factors: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, diabetes, alcohol consumption.

**Andrea Rojas:** This research will explore the training and education of nurses taking care of premature babies, and the equipment used: incubators, sensors, respirators.

**Katelyn Ragland:** This research will focus on Costa Rica and the private and public healthcare systems to investigate improvements in staff, training, and health services.

**Kendyl Williams:** This research will analyze determining factors that contribute to a high concentration of the Huntington's disease in Venezuela, and tentative solutions.

This research project explores the interrelations between health and culture in Hispanic countries and their impact on individuals and communities. Students visited the Dominican Republic in Spring Break to conduct research and to participate in health-related service learning activities



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