

Young Lasallians Service Trip February 2026

It was another Ash Wednesday night for many young Lasallians but for these four; Cristina Randacelli; Spanish teacher from Saint John's College High School in Washington D.C., Antoine Béland; proud québécois and part of the Mission Ministry Office, Valerie Juarbe; High school Math teacher down in Puerto Rico, and Jon Hernández; also a High school Math teacher in Puerto Rico and co-chair of the Young Lasallians Council, it was the start of a new adventure, a great way to start the Lent season. From meeting in concourse D at Miami International Airport to saying the last goodbyes at that same place, these four Young Professionals bonded over having the same Lasallian charism. From late night grocery store runs to midday lunch, they found a way to have fun. Not everything was fun and games, other things were hard work and dedication.

Throughout the four-day trip, they had a session on farming and agriculture led by the wonderful Monica Lauzurique, administrator of the La Salle Educational Center. They also had time to help at the little school, helping kids with their homework and creating a special bond only Lasallians could form in a span of 24 hours. They also taught the kids a few things about the Winter Olympics and the Science behind some of these sports; and some life skills such as folding sheets, tying their shoes, cleaning their hands and calming techniques. They also went to the farm where the Lasallian middle school and high school will be in the upcoming two years and helped clean up and pick up branches to make it easier for Bro. Joe when he mows the lawn. A quick visit to the Everglades and huddling up with alligators made for a perfect community building exercise and connecting with our beautiful nature.

All in all this was an amazing experience for the Young Professionals, the work of helping in the peripheries with those who have peripheries in their hearts, the daily reflections and just being with other Young Professionals who share a passion to serve and help those in need, helped them even more in understanding the work they are meant to do in their jobs and to identify their peripheries. First Annual Young Lasallians Service Trip was a huge success thanks to the amazing work these four Young Professionals did and all the work everyone at La Salle Educational Center did. Special thanks to Bros. Peter, Joe, and Walter, to Monica Lauzurique, Mrs. Brenda, Ms. Maurene, Mr. Gonzalo and to all the beautiful kids for their warm welcome.



