



# International Korner

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## Student Profile

### **Saludos!!**

Dafne Hernandez is a student from San Juan the capital of Puerto Rico. She is a 1<sup>st</sup> year student and case work major. Her undergraduate studies was in Social Work in the University of Puerto Rico where she finished in 2001. She decided to come to the United States and do her masters in Social Work at UConn because she knew about the exchange program that UConn has with the University of Puerto Rico. Her social work experience has been in health care when she worked at a hospital in Puerto Rico. She says she is enjoying her stay in the U.S., but she misses Puerto Rico's beaches, restaurants, weather and lifestyle.

### **Do you know that...**

Puerto Rico is a Caribbean island located east of the Dominican Republic. After Columbu's arrival in 1493, the island was soon colonized (in 1508), and the capital city of San Juan was founded in 1521. The island was ceded by Spain to the US in 1898 following the Spanish-American War. A popularly elected governor has served since 1948. Puerto Rico became an U.S. territory in 1917 and its people were granted citizenship. In plebiscites held in 1967 and 1993, voters chose to retain commonwealth. Today Puerto Rico is a self governing territory, and enjoys much autonomy. Puerto Rico's population is about 3.9 million, and 95 percent of the people are native Puerto Rican, with a mixed Spanish, African and Taino heritage. Spanish and English share official status in the Island. Roman Catholicism is the major Christian religion in Puerto Rico (85 percent), but the practice of other religions and beliefs such as, Protestant, Santeria, Curanderia and Espiritismo are also common throughout the Island. Apart from having one of the most dynamic economies in the Caribbean, tourism plays a big part on Puerto Rico's income with estimated arrivals of nearly 5 million tourists per year (Culturgram '98 & [www.PuertoRico.com](http://www.PuertoRico.com)).



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## **International Jobs & Volunteer Opportunities – Websites**

[http:// interaction.org](http://interaction.org) - Umbrella organization of more than 100 international developmental non-governmental (NGO) organizations agency profiles.

[www.DevNetJobs.org](http://www.DevNetJobs.org) -The gateway to jobs in International Development and Environment Sector.

<http://www.berkshire.net> - Oportunidades a viajar e trabalhar em África, Índia, e América Latina – Opportunities to travel and work in Africa, India and Latin America.

<http://www.escapeartist.com/jobs/overseas.htm> - Escape from America Overseas Jobs Search for employment in diverse industries worldwide.

<http://www.overseasjobs.com/> - OverseasJobs.com features international job opportunities for professionals, expatriates and adventure seekers.

<http://www.ifsw.org/> -Jobs IFSW Europe Social Work Action

<http://www.socialworker.com/career.htm> - New Social Worker - Online Career Center Magazine for social workers provides a lengthy list of jobs.

<http://www.socialworker.com/jobs.htm> - Jobs Abroad - Overseas Employment

<http://caster.ssw.upenn.edu/~restes/isw/chapter52.html> – Student’s Guide to planning in international social work.

<http://www.nacsw.org/> North American Association of Christian Social Workers (NACSW) - A Vital Christian Presence.

<http://www.isp.msu.edu/ncsa/countries/angola.htm> -Study Abroad Programs in Angola, Africa