What is Project CURA?
Dr. Kumar Desai founded Project CURA in 2001 as a first year medical student, to practically apply Creighton’s Jesuit ideals through international medical service. Over the past ten years, hundreds of CUSOM medical students have provided education, service, and medical assistance in underserved communities at home and internationally. This past year, seventy students spent part of their summer abroad utilizing their skills and compassion to better the lives of the people they worked with, as well as expanding the depth of their own cultural sensitivity.

The Foundations of Project CURA
• Simple Living - To become aware of the choices that the poor are forced to make as we as students consciously journey with them.
• Cultural Sensitivity - To immerse ourselves in a community with values and ideas different from those we are accustomed to, and to provide the utmost respect of those we serve.
• Service and Community - To live together as members of the community and to embody cura personalis to those we encounter.

Action in our Community
• Pine Ridge, SD - The Pine Ridge trip focuses on learning the history and culture of the Lakota Sioux Native Americans. Students experience a traditional sweat lodge ceremony, various cultural speakers and visits to important Lakota historical sites. Activities include mentoring at local schools and learning about the reservation, as well as spending time at the hospital.
• Omaha School Program - At local Omaha elementary and middle schools CURA participants raise awareness about global and local issues through public health presentations.
• Savor the Flavor Silent Auction - Savor the Flavor not only serves as the program’s fundraising event, but also as awareness for Project CURA within the Creighton and Omaha communities.

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