Office of Experiential Learning
Lower Brule Sioux Reservation
Lakota Nation (South Dakota)
~June 2013 ~
“It was a great joy working with the children of Lower Brule... The Tribal Headquarters and the Buffalo Interpretive Center were major highlights. The history and culture of the Native American people was demonstrated in greater detail at these two sites.”

~Thomas Quinn, Sociology major
“The trip to Lower Brule is not only an eye opening experience it is also an inspirational one. From the moment you set foot on the grounds of the reservation and meet the people you are filled with a sense of compassion that cannot be matched by any other experience.” ~ Jasmine Rivera, Psychology major
“I love the people out here.” (Lower Brule)  
Dan Pantino, Molloy College alum, Class of 2012
“Traveling to South Dakota was the best learning experience... the survival of the Native American culture is stunning in many ways.”
~Joana Solarte, Nursing major @ Lower Brule Wildlife Center
Lower Brule Sioux Reservation... along the banks of the Missouri River
Molloy College students visit *Lakota Foods*, a Lower Brule tribal owned and operated popcorn producing company. All of the corn is grown, harvested and processed on the reservation.
Gifts... from our host!
The chaperones & drivers: (l-r) alumni, Joe Miller & Dan Patino & Drs. Joan Merlo & Maddy Gunn
“Visiting Lower Brule was truly a life changing experience for me. Getting to know and work with the children at the Boys & Girls Club was absolutely wonderful... I was fortunate to learn many things about their (Lakota) culture by visiting educational sites in the area. “ ~Kimberly Alba, Psychology major
“The trip to the Lower Brule, South Dakota was not only educational, but amazing and meaningful as well. The sights that we saw were breathtaking... It was definitely a once in a lifetime experience and everyone should have the opportunity to go and see this for him or herself.” ~Sabrina Rosselli, Sociology major
“I was fortunate enough to see the beauty of their land & culture... visiting the monument of Crazy Horse & the Black Hills astounded me. While I was in South Dakota, especially when working with children, I thought to myself, how fortunate I am...”
~Christine Gold-Shirkhani, Sociology major
“My trip to Lower Brule was a life changing experience. The people were so kind and generous. Spending time with the children was really meaningful. The experience in Lower Brule made me appreciate everything...”
~ Yansi Vasquez, Spanish Education major
“Visiting Lower Brule was one of the greatest experiences of my life... I was so amazed by the hospitality of the tribe and the feeling of comfort that they provided to us. I would visit them again in a heartbeat.”
~ Pamela Yanez, Psychology major
“Not only did I get to celebrate my birthday by climbing the rocks of the Badlands but I also got to experience the culture of the Native Americans. Another successful and meaningful service trip!”

~Gurchurn Minhas, Nursing major
“The kids are the best part of this trip; they make it an amazing experience. They are so accepting and are happy to spend time with us... The Lakota people are so kind and welcoming and open to us. This trip was a humbling and eye opening experience.”
Wendy Espinosa, Speech Pathology major
Molloy College students... leaving their mark at the Boys & Girls Club of Lower Brule, SD.
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