



Julia Griffin

2020 Collins Award Winner in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Julia Griffin is an honors student graduating with a double major in Health Sciences and Spanish and a minor in Biology. During her time at SLU, Julia spent over nine months total abroad in the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Belize, Spain, and Peru, studying, serving on medical mission trips, and completing independent research for her honors project entitled *Cost, Quality, and Access of Healthcare in Piura, Peru*. This work has been published in the *American Journal of Undergraduate Research* and she has a second article, written in Spanish, under review with the *Pan American Journal of Public Health*. She was awarded two Investigative Learning Experiences (ILEX) grants for this project: the first to collect data and the second to share her findings with the Piura community. Even more important than her many accolades are Julia's infectious positivity and genuine care for all. She has spent countless hours serving the community in St. Louis and abroad and truly embodies the Jesuit mission of being a woman for and with others. Julia has been accepted to Creighton University's School of Medicine, where she will spend the last two years of medical school at their campus in Phoenix, Arizona, continuing to use her Spanish skills while working with the Latino community.