

BeyondPAA

Vision of BeyondPAA – *Explore, Engage, Transform*

BeyondPAA opportunities exist to positively change students and the world through cross cultural experiences. Through exploring cultures and engaging people in other places lives are transformed – both the lives of our students and the lives of those we come in contact with.

Mission of BeyondPAA

1. To explore other cultures while participating in activities that will help students to see the relevance of being God's hands and feet.
2. To provide adequate time for students to engage with God and reflect upon His activity in the world around us and how we can be part of what He is doing.
3. To encourage students to engage with those they come in contact with – learning about them, about their world, and about their unique perspectives on living.
4. To develop a broad array of intercultural learning and development experiences that will allow students to develop their unique gifts and abilities and to learn how those gifts and abilities can be used to make the world a better place.
5. To produce young people whose perspectives have been transformed and who have developed greater cultural sensitivity, a sense of purpose, and a vision for how they are uniquely gifted to serve others.
6. To transform culture with the message of Jesus being delivered by students who make loving people the center of their lives.

Basics:

- We will organize a variety of options for students to participate in throughout the year and summer. Mission, educational, musical, recreational.
- We will attempt to streamline paperwork and process so that things are easy to understand and there is minimal duplication.
- Each year there will be an informational meeting to present the options and give families time to pray, consider, and select an option for their student to participate in. Goal Mid-October

Things you can be assured of

- Project location and safety will be considered carefully
- Adequate supervision and leadership will be in place
- Good food and water will always be available
- Medical professionals will be quickly accessible for minor issues and emergency plans in place for crisis.
- Students will be "stretched." They will be pushed beyond their comfort zone. This stretching encourages growth and will always be monitored carefully under adult supervision.
- Each trip will have unique specific goals that will also be relevant to the BeyondPAA mission and vision.