Students Serve Globally Through Summer Programs

Boston Latin School students traveled the world this past summer through a wide variety of community and partner service learning programs.

Students went to Jamaica and Haiti, Ecuador and Peru, Spain and France, Tanzania and South Africa, Japan, China, India and Australia among other places.

Students travel to South Africa

Several Boston Latin School students traveled to South Africa this past summer as part of service leadership, cultural exchange and performing arts programs.

Seniors Michael Shiferaw & Stewart Amas both participated in the Global Scholars African Leadership Academy (ALA) for three weeks.

“I selected the ALA program because I am interested in a career in business & entrepreneurial leadership,” said Michael. The sustainable service project provided Michael with the opportunity to work with peers from around the world and develop a new understanding about Africa and its people.

Stuart’s ALA service project involved developing a sustainable solution to an important social issue in South Africa: supporting underprivileged children. The mentorship program he participated in at BLS.

Junior Hazel Law sang her way through South Africa for one month with Village Harmony, a national music organization she belongs to.

“The South African people were all so welcoming and gracious,” commented Hazel.

While they were there, they participated in language immersion programs, community service projects, cultural exchanges, leadership development, academic internships and arts programming.

Fifteen BLS students participated in CIEE language immersion and service leadership programs including Van Nguyen (class III) who spent four weeks in Japan learning Japanese. “When I arrived in Tokyo I did not speak any Japanese at all,” commented Van, “but by the time I left I was journaling in Japanese and eager to continue my studies in Boston.

Rachel Li (class III) was delighted with how much her Spanish improved during the one month program in Seville. “Being able to practice the Spanish language everyday gave me a taste of what it is like to fully be a part of the life and culture of Spain.”

New Leadership at Clough Center

A familiar face has taken on a new leadership role at Boston Latin School with the appointment of Zach Smith, former science teacher, as the Director of the Clough Center for Global Understanding.

In his new position, Mr. Smith will support and oversee all aspects of Global Learning at BLS including international travel programs, student and teacher exchanges, staff professional development, & program budget and planning.

“I am excited to have the opportunity to support BLS faculty and students in their efforts to become globally competent citizens through work in the classroom and with short term study programs.