YouthCAN event in dining hall
Strasbourg and BLS students at display the strength of plant fibers.

78 Students Travel Abroad in April with CCGU Support

BLS students traveled to Europe, Asia, and South America over April break, exploring historic sites, living with home stay partners and participating in science research, all with the support of the BLS Clough Center for Global Understanding.

Students enrolled in Facing History toured sites in Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic that they had studied in class.

In Berlin they visited places connected to World War II and the Cold War, including the Berlin Wall Museum. In Krakow, they went to Oskar Schindler’s former factory and toured 2 concentration camps.

In Prague brought them to the Terezin ghetto & other sites connected to the Holocaust.

Students that hosted Chinese exchange partners at BLS, stayed at their partners’ homes and attended school with them during the trip to China.

After two days in Xi’an, where students toured the Terra Cotta Warriors site and biked atop the old city wall, it was off to Beijing by bullet train at 175 mph.

Students were welcomed by their partners and host families at the Beijing train station and were treated to a week of Beijing hospitality.

They attended school, visited historic sites, including The Great Wall and Forbidden City, learned to haggle at the market and ate a lot of Chinese food.

The cultural immersion provided students with a greater understanding of the history, culture, schools, language and life in China.

Ecuador was the destination for BLS students who traveled to explore species diversity, local culture and the impact of deforestation with the Otonga Foundation at their facility in Quito & research lodge in the rain forest.

Students visited historic sites in Old Town Quito, the nearby French and Ecuadorian equator, and took a spectacular tram ride to a look out on Mt. Pinchinicha, which provided an excellent perspective of land engineering and the impact human development has on tropical ecosystems.

BLS Hosts Exchange Students

Class III student Bella Yudin hosted Brazilian student Victor Foresti Castro, whom she met while participating with the BLS Model UN team at the Harvard Model UN. Victor attended classes and visited historic sites on the Freedom Trail, including the original site of Boston Latin School, during his visit.

“I’m glad that I get to participate in Model UN because it gives me an opportunity to make friends all over the world, and see how similar people are, despite cultural differences and language barriers,” stated Bella.

Peninah Hodin (Class II) hosted Yael Huber as part of the Boston-Haifa Connection program. Yael was in Boston for a week and spent a full day at BLS on March 30. While here, the students discussed their cities, schools, racism in both countries and celebrated Jewish traditions.

Students at Tufts EPIIC Simulation

Seventy-Six BLS students in Classes I-V participated in the Tufts University EPIIC Inquiry simulation held April 7-8. It was the 17th year that BLS has participated in the event.

The conference, which draws high school participants from throughout the northeast, is run by Tufts students that have participated in EPIIC as part of their course of studies.

This year the focus of the simulation was What Future for Syria? The timely topic had BLS students representing Germany, France, China, Russia, Mexico, and the United States participate.

Danielle Augustin and Kayla Butler representing BLS at the EPIIC simulation at Tufts.

Oman, Egypt and the Moscow Group.

The students spent months preparing and enjoyed learning more about contemporary world issues and how to discuss them with their peers.