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Dear Marvelwood Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors,

As you heard at school meeting, Marvelwood is a member of [Round Square](#), a worldwide network of 170 schools in 40 countries, all of whom share a holistic approach to learning, built around six IDEALS (internationalism, democracy, environmentalism, adventure, leadership and service). Each year, Round Square schools send a team of delegates to an international conference. In 2016, Guy Kennedy '18, Zohra Moradi '18, Sky Trapella '18 and Victoria Sanchez '18 attended the 2016 conference at Aiglon College in Switzerland. The theme of the conference, *The Journey That Makes Us*, highlighted the IDEALS through guest speakers, group discussions, cultural visits, community service and adventure activities. In 2017, Belle Cameron '18 and Alex Sanchez '19- represented Marvelwood at the conference in South Africa, where the theme was *Unite to Ignite the Fire Within*. In 2018, Anthony Guntert '19, Natasha Nash '19, Holly Schwinn '19, Caroline Siegel '19, and Avante Walker '19 represented Marvelwood at Ashbury College in Ottawa, Canada, where the the theme of the Conference was *Bring Your Difference*. All three conferences were incredible experiences for our delegates, who represented our School with pride, maturity, and curiosity.

In 2019, the international conference will be hosted by Emerald Heights School in Indore, India, October 2-8. The theme of the conference, which will bring together over 1000 students and teachers, is *Sarvodaya— the world we wish to see*. Sarvodaya is a Sanskrit word meaning *progress for all*. Interested students should fill out an application, which can be found on the Round Square section of the [website](#). Applications are due by January 15. Any student who will be age 16-19 in the 2019-2020 school year is eligible (even if you turn 16 after the conference dates).

This trip is truly the experience of a lifetime. As a delegate, you will have the opportunity to learn about and be immersed in cultures from around the world. You will develop a network of international friends and contacts, and will gain perspective on what it means to be citizens of the world. Round Square is a highly recognized and respected organization throughout the world. Delegates become part of a vast network of Round Square alumni, which affords opportunities

throughout their lives. Visit the Round Square section of the [website](#) for more information and to see photos from past conferences. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions about the trip.

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