

2023-24  
PROGRAMS





# OUR VISION

We believe that a true education goes beyond the classroom, which is why Franklin School, through the global network of Dwight Schools, offers students unparalleled opportunities to explore the world and become global leaders. Travel programs are designed to ignite curiosity, foster connections, and empower students to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Enjoy your next destination!

Safe travels • Bon voyage • Boa Viagem • نم آ رفس • Sretan put • 잘 다녀 • Gute reise  
Peguataporãnte • Bonum cursum • Счастливого пути • Maligayang paglalakbáy • Καλό ταξίδι  
Buen viaje • Safari salama • Viagens seguras • Viaggi sicuri • Sichere reisen • החוטב העיסן

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# FRANKLIN STUDENTS ON THE MOVE!

Franklin School offers students exceptional opportunities to learn about different countries and cultures firsthand. Through a wide range of immersive experiences both domestically and overseas, students gain a deeper understanding of the world, broaden their perspective, and develop the competencies needed to become successful global leaders.

We understand the importance of community and the power of forging meaningful connections. Our travel learning programs foster a sense of belonging and camaraderie among students, as they embark on adventures along with their Dwight School peers, share transformative experiences, and form lifelong friendships that transcend borders.





With a global network of Dwight Schools spanning continents and extending into the cloud, we are delighted to provide students with a plethora of opportunities to connect with their peers worldwide, collaborate, and bond. Through Dwight Schools in New York, London, Seoul, Shanghai, Dubai, and online, the potential for cross-campus exchange is limitless. With the opening of Dwight School Hanoi in 2024, we look forward to adding even more exciting and enriching programs in the future.

Just like our personalized learning approach in the classroom, our approach beyond the classroom ensures that each student's unique interests, passions, and learning styles are taken into account to maximize personal growth.

Franklin students will join students from Dwight School New York and Dwight Global Online to venture far and wide and explore the history, culture, natural landscape, and traditions of countries around the world.

We encourage students to embrace all of the incredible opportunities to embark on transformative voyages of personal growth that expand their worldview.







**GRADES 8-9**

## **HISTORY AND CULTURAL IMMERSION TRIP TO GHANA**

**MARCH 16-27, 2024  
\$4,950**

Students in grades 8 and 9 will embark together on an enlightening journey to the African nation of Ghana, immersing themselves in the country's vibrant culture. During their explorations, students will delve into the region's historical significance, particularly as the main center from which Africans were enslaved, surpassing all other West African countries during the slave trade.

The National Museum, in Kumasi, will be a significant stop on the itinerary, followed by a visit to the Manhyia Palace, a cultural center showcasing the rich heritage of Ghana. Students will also see the impressive Okomfo Anokye Sword, explore the bustling Kejetia Market, and visit a traditional Ashanti house.

A highlight of the journey will be a visit to the Adanwomase Kente Village, where artisans have been skillfully weaving cloth since the 17th century. Additionally, students will explore the Adinkra Village and make their way to Cape Coast to solemnly honor the past by visiting the Assin Manso Ancestral Slave River Site.

Students will also participate in a naming ceremony, experience the wonders of a sting-less bee center, discover vibrant local fish markets, and be captivated by the rhythm and energy of a traditional drumming ceremony. This unique experience is sure to create lasting memories and broaden students' understanding of Ghana's rich and complex heritage.

Please note students will be required to have the yellow fever vaccine for entry into Ghana.







**GRADES 10-12**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
PROGRAM AT WISER GIRLS  
SECONDARY SCHOOL,  
MUHURU BAY, KENYA**

**MARCH 15-25, 2024  
\$4,800**

Application and interview  
process are required

Students have a unique opportunity to embark on a life-changing journey to Muhuru Bay, Kenya, during Spring Break to visit the WISER Girls Secondary School. The School was established by the Women's Institute for Secondary Education and Research International, an organization dedicated to empowering Kenyan girls to overcome poverty, HIV/AIDS, and gender-based violence. Through their efforts, WISER creates supportive environments that enable young women to become agents of change in their own communities and the School provides all the necessary resources for the academic success of local girls.

During their stay at the School, students will fully immerse themselves in the experience by attending classes, engaging in insightful discussions about Kenyan culture and daily life in Muhuru Bay, and building lasting friendships with students. As a wonderful conclusion to their enriching journey, students will venture to the breathtaking Maasai Mara National Reserve for a two-day safari!

Please note that students participating in this program will be required to have the yellow fever vaccine for entry into Kenya.



## CULTURAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS EXPLORATION OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

**MARCH  
16-28, 2024  
\$4,850**

**GRADES 10-12**

Students will explore the enchanting realms of Cambodia and Vietnam, where learning about the arts and human rights will converge in a compelling journey. Beginning in Hanoi, home to the newest Dwight campus opening in 2024, students will discover the Old Quarter's charm. They will visit the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology, as well as historical landmarks like Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and the Temple of Literature. Students will also cruise the magnificent Halong Bay surrounded by mesmerizing limestone karst rock formations.

The adventure continues in Ho Chi Minh City, with a vibrant art scene, and a visit to the War Remnants Museum, where students will engage with local artists. They will travel to Siem Reap and marvel at the awe-inspiring Angkor temples, including Angkor Wat and Ta Prohm; support local artisans at Artisans Angkor; and learn about Cambodia's history at the Cambodian Landmine Museum and the Documentation Center of Cambodia.



Throughout their journey, students will enjoy art exhibitions and cultural events, engage with human rights organizations, and enjoy traditional performances like Apsara dance. This immersive experience will leave students with lasting memories of the intertwined tapestry of art and human rights in these two captivating countries.



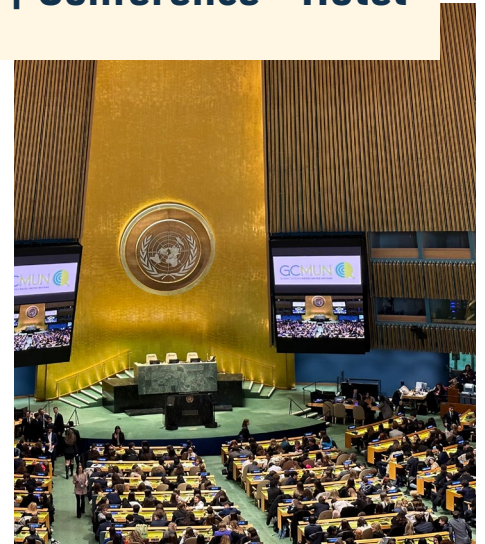
## COLUMBIA MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE, NEW YORK, NY

**JANUARY 11-14, 2024  
\$235 | Conference Only  
\$1,200 | Conference + Hotel**

**GRADES 9-12**

Members of Franklin's Model UN after-school club are invited to participate in the Model UN Conference at Columbia University hosted by Columbia International Relations Council and Association. During this event, high school students assume the roles of representatives from various countries, organizations, or individuals and collaborate with delegates from around the world to tackle challenging global issues. Through their participation, students can hone a multitude of essential skills, including research, public speaking, debating, and writing, all while fostering critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities.

For students living outside the New York metropolitan area, we can provide accommodation if we have enough interest.







**GRADES 7-12**

## **GLOBAL MUSIC FESTIVAL AT DWIGHT SCHOOL DUBAI**

**FEBRUARY 16-24, 2024**  
**\$TBA**  
Audition required

Students will have the opportunity to audition for the 2024 Dwight Schools Global Concert, which will be held for the first time at Dwight School Dubai! The musicians and singers selected to perform as part of a New York-based ensemble and/or the combined global choir and orchestra will travel to Dubai and experience the city, culture, and our School.

Participants will be collaborating with Dwight students from Dubai, London, Seoul, Shanghai, and online. This inspiring cross-cross campus musical festival is truly one of the highlights of the year. Throughout the week, students come together, rehearse, and prepare for the culminating event – a glorious concert in Dwight School Dubai's state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center. When the week comes to a close, students will have forged strong bonds with their peers from around the world who share a love of music, and the memories made on and off the stage will last a lifetime.





**GRADES 9-12**

## **EXPLORE STEM IN MOTORSPORTS AT NASCAR, CHARLOTTE, NC**

**MARCH 17-20, 2024  
\$2,000**



Students will embark on an exhilarating, STEM-focused NASCAR experience in Charlotte, NC, over Spring break. This action-packed program immerses students in the world of motorsports, while highlighting the significance of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through the lens of NASCAR racing.

Students will engage in hands-on STEM workshops conducted by NASCAR engineers, delving into vehicle design, aerodynamics, and data analysis in racing. They will explore the NASCAR Hall of Fame, visit team garages, and attend thrilling motor sports events. Additionally, students will experience behind-the-scenes tours of Charlotte Motor Speedway and enjoy outdoor adventures at the U.S. National Whitewater Center. A big highlight of the trip awaits at a nearby NASCAR racing school, where students will have the opportunity to drive real race cars under professional guidance. This unforgettable journey is designed to ignite curiosity, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for the fusion of STEM and motorsports.





# PROGRAMS CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE



DATES		GRADE/S	PROGRAM/TRIP
January 2024	11-14	9-12	Model UN, New York, NY
February 2024	16-24	7-12	Dwight Schools Global Music Festival at Dwight School Dubai
March 2024	15-25	10-12	Community Service Program at WISER, Muhuru Bay, Kenya
	16-27	8-9	History and Cultural Immersion in Ghana
	16-28	10-12	Cultural and Human Rights Exploration in Vietnam and Cambodia
	17-20	9-12	STEM and Motorsports at NASCAR, Charlotte, NC





# POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## PRE-DEPARTURE APPLICATIONS, PERMISSIONS, AND GUIDELINES

To be considered for participation in any domestic or international program, parents must complete an application form. Upon submission of the form and receiving final approval for participation, parents will be required to complete an enrollment package and sign waivers. Please note that all programs require a minimum number of accepted participants in order to proceed. After the program deadline, families will be notified whether or not the trip is proceeding.

Participation eligibility is contingent upon a student being in good academic and disciplinary standing at the time of application and until departure. Our Head of School will review and approve each student's application to assess whether they are the right fit for the program. Consultation with students' teachers and other staff members will also be conducted. We may require a follow-up interview with the applicant. Franklin reserves the right to refuse permission of a student's participation based on previous academic or behavioral misconduct.

As part of the necessary preparations for trips, we request that parents review their child's Vital Health Records and Medication Form online in Magnus. Please note that no medication will be administered during School or School-sponsored trips without proper authorization from both the student's family and physician. Participation is contingent upon the review of completed health forms; incomplete applications will not be considered.

Once approved and before departure on any travel program, Franklin students are required to inform all of their teachers and coaches, at least two weeks prior to departure. This will allow the necessary arrangements to be made to remain current with missed classwork, homework, practices, and games. Students and teachers should also discuss deadlines for the work that will be missed during travel to ensure a clear understanding of when assignments will be submitted.







# PROGRAM FEES

## FRANKLIN DESTINATIONS PROGRAM FEES INCLUDE:

- All meals and lodging
- All transportation
- Program activities and orientations
- Instructor supervision throughout the program
- Travel insurance and health, accident, and medical evacuation insurance
- 24-hour medical and travel security assistance and advice
- Staff on call 24/7

While our international and domestic programs aim to provide students with rich cultural experiences,

we also acknowledge the importance of students staying current with their schoolwork for the smoothest possible transition upon their return. To facilitate this, all students will be given one hour every day of the trip to complete assignments and communicate with teachers regarding school work during a program that runs while school is in session.

## THE PROGRAM FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Pre-program medical examinations or immunizations
- Personal spending money



## TRIP CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

If Franklin cancels the trip, whether before or after it commences, Franklin will refund trip fees except for those costs and fees that Franklin is unable to recover.

If Franklin does not cancel the trip, but a student chooses to withdraw for any reason, the student and their parents/legal guardians will be responsible for covering all non-recoverable obligations.

If Franklin does not cancel the trip, but terminates the student's participation in the trip because of their failure to abide by all Franklin policies, rules, and regulations or those of any company or organization involved in the trip; or all rules, regulations, and laws of the country or countries to be visited; or if Franklin terminates the student's participation in the trip because of the student's inappropriate conduct, as determined by Franklin, the student and their parents/legal guardians are not entitled to any refund. Additionally, in such circumstances, the student and their parents/legal guardians are responsible for costs of return transportation for both the student and an accompanying chaperone, or Franklin may require the parents/legal guardians to pick up the student from the trip, and the student may be excluded from future trips.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Do you offer financial assistance for trips?

Financial aid is not available for trips.

## Can a student pick their roommate?

Yes! Students will be asked to submit three classmate names as possible roommate requests (same age group, same gender). The requests must be mutual. While we understand that students may have roommate preferences, accommodating specific requests may not always be possible. Room assignments during trips are made considering factors such as group size, safety, and maintaining a harmonious environment. Our priority is to create a positive and inclusive experience for all participants.

## How do you communicate during programs?

To ensure that parents are informed and can stay connected, our Destinations team creates a private WhatsApp group for every trip. This allows us to provide updates, share highlights, and address any concerns or questions regarding your child's experience. By maintaining open and regular communication, we strive to keep parents

informed and reassured, offering peace of mind and insight into their child's experience.

## Are students allowed to bring their cell phone?

Students are permitted to bring cell phones. Phones and other technology may be used during the day only when allowed by chaperones. Cell phones may not be used at night and will be collected by chaperones before students return to their hotel rooms.

## Can my child take the medicine before bed time?

In order for your child to take any medication (prescription or over the counter), please make sure that your child's Magnus Health account is up to date. Franklin must have the Medical Authorization Form signed by a physician on record to give any medications during an overnight trip. For questions about your child's health forms, email the Dwight Health Office at [healthteam@dwright.edu](mailto:healthteam@dwright.edu).

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please email  
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