



## ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY CORE VALUES & GLOBAL EDUCATION COMPETENCIES

### **We believe in a balanced approach to developing the whole woman:**

Students will identify and create opportunities for personal and collaborative growth by attempting and seeking new opportunities.

### **We call forth spiritual courage and confidence:**

Students will grow in their faith by seeking and experiencing other cultures and people.

### **We cultivate intellectual distinction:**

Students will explore global issues with inclusivity, empathy, and multiple perspectives.

### **We foster the desire to serve:**

Students will grow in community relational learning.

### **We encourage leadership and influence action:**

Students will develop their growth mindset and resiliency in order to effectively communicate their voice while navigating unfamiliar and difficult situations.

### **We expect excellence:**

Students will gain the tools to be able to thrive in the future of a global workforce and world.

# ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY GLOBAL EDUCATION

*Through all aspects of the tiered Global Education program, St. Joseph's Academy empowers women to become Global Leaders with the strong values necessary to make a profound impact in the world. It is tied to the mission and core values of our school. Our goal is that students involved in Global Education develop these competencies and carry them with them throughout their lives.*

**GLOBAL EDUCATION CLUB:** Available to all students interested in becoming engaged Global Citizens. You must attend 2-3 Global Education events throughout the year to be a club member, but anyone interested can attend events.

**GLOBAL EDUCATION SPEAKERS AND EVENTS:** Throughout the year, the Global Education Program will have many opportunities to hear speakers and attend events in person or on Zoom. All are designed to expand the core competencies.

**GLOBAL DIALOGUE EVENTS:** Students involved in Global Education will have the opportunity to speak with high school students from around the world on current pressing issues to build community learning, improve collaborative learning, and meet new friends.

**GLOBAL TRAVEL AND HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES:** St. Joseph's Academy offers a multitude of travel and hosting opportunities that challenge our students to grow in faith, knowledge, and respect for self and others. Our community expects these young women to make a profound impact in the world.

**GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM:** This is a highly selective program that all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors may apply for in December through an application and interview process. It is limited to 35 students. Once accepted the student will receive a designation on their transcript as a Global Scholars Candidate. Then, when the student completes the milestones below, they are marked as a Graduate of the Global Scholars Program, an honor which will be recognized during our end-of-year celebrations.

### **What does the Global Scholars Program Experience Involve?**

The Global Scholars Program lets the student experience the world outside of the traditional classroom. It prepares them to develop and grow in each aspect of the global competencies so they are ready to make a profound impact in the world. Through this program, the student will work with the Director of Global Education to achieve different milestones that will help them on their journey to becoming a Global Scholar.

- > **Academic Milestones:** Students will learn to communicate their voice by completing four years of a World Language, a Global Studies course, and a globally-focused curriculum that meets their needs and goals.
- > **Language and Cultural Immersion Milestone:** Students will navigate the unfamiliar and explore the world by participating in one of our Transformative Language and Cultural Immersion Experiences.
- > **Service Learning Milestone:** Students will grow in community relational learning by walking with "the Dear Neighbor" in service. Students will also lead at least one globally-minded club at SJA.
- > **Engagement Milestones:** Students will thrive in the world by attending speakers, events, field trips, and other globally-focused events that engage our community with the world. They will also serve as an SJA Global Ambassador.

# TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

*Each Travel Opportunity is tied to the Core Values of St. Joseph's Academy. It is our expectation that each participating student will grow in these values.*

We encourage leadership and influence through action.

Each program is designed for St. Joseph's Academy students to thrive as learners with a growth-mindset. Participants will learn about the world, other cultures, and themselves.

## **Immersion Programs During the 2024-25 School Year:**

*Bauru, Brazil: February 14-23, 2025*

*Lille, France: March 12-25, 2025*

*Letterkenny, Ireland: March 14-23, 2025*

*Roatan, Honduras: March 15-22, 2025*

*Rome, Italy: May 2025*

## **Immersion Programs Summer 2025:**

*Tsu, Japan: May 24 - June 10, 2025*

*Krakow and Gdynia, Poland: May 24 - June 10, 2025*

*Fulda, Germany: June 2025*

These are competitive programs, with limited spots available. Students are required to fill out an application, complete a short essay, and participate in an interview the Director of Global Education and a Principal. During immersion trips, students will stay with host families and attend school with host students. While students are generally expected to host students in their homes for reciprocal visits, hosting is not always a requirement.



We foster the desire to serve.

**Jerusalem Farm in Kansas City, MO:** spring break service trip with St. Theresa's Academy at Jerusalem Farm in Kansas City, a community dedicated to serving the common good. Participants will have the opportunity to serve the Dear Neighbor without distinction and, at the end of this trip, will have completed 40 service hours.

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**Spain and France:** gain a deeper understanding of the culture, history, music, food, museums, and European life. Open to all SJA students, although French or Spanish skills will be helpful throughout the trip!



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In 2025, St. Joe is offering three opportunities for students to participate in a Senior Service Immersion Program as an option to complete their senior service projects. These service projects are the capstone for a student's four years of service at SJA.



**Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 28 - May 10, 2025:** work with Boys Hope Girls Hope, a nonprofit organization that helps provide education and opportunities for young people who wouldn't normally receive it.

**Beam Kenya, April 28 - May 10, 2025:** work with BEAM Kenya, an organization founded by SJA Alumna, Colleen Costigan '99, whose mission is to equip children to overcome adversity through education and psychosocial support.

**Service with the Sisters in Laredo, TX, May 9-16, 2025:** travel to Laredo, TX and have the opportunity to study the issue of immigration, get a hands-on experience with the Sisters of St. Joseph, and help legal immigrants along their journey to citizenship, for example: help them receive clothes, serve food, play with children, etc.

We cultivate intellectual distinction.

**Introduction to Global Education:** members of the Global Education Scholars program or interested global citizens receive an introduction to the mission-specific learning goals that will help empower them to become "values-driven" global changemakers. Students will study each mission-specific goal that will improve their global competency and prepare them to be global citizens.

*I went from being an individualistic individual, to deeply valuing the lives of others because of the opportunities Global Education provides. - Bridget S. '23*