GLOBAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM

BAJA 2020 Crossing the California-Mexico border

DATES: Friday (early morning) to Monday, Jan. 17-20

COST: $1,275

GIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: Oct. 1, 2019

DESCRIPTION:
This program invites students to understand the U.S.—Mexico border surrounding the San Ysidro port of entry in San Diego through a “human geography” lens. From San Diego to Tijuana, participants will meet with voices from all sides of the issues: Border Patrol, anti-immigrant militia leaders, bi-national clergy, activists, artists, and administrators. The group will walk both sides of the border fence, provide services in refugee/deportee resource centers, and understand the unique evolution of the “national frontier” uniting us and our southern neighbors. Students can exercise their privilege to effectively amplify voices from both sides of the California—Mexico border and bring greater understanding to the complexities of the immigration issue from a foundation of factual observation. This program will culminate in a student-led symposium on the border and issues of immigration in the spring.

TRAVEL PROGRAM LEADER:
Jose Melgoza

ELIGIBILITY: Students in grades 11-12

QUESTIONS:
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Financial aid is available. To apply, please contact Lindsay Morales at lmorales@polytechnic.org to receive the Confidential Financial Aid Application, which is due Oct. 2.

The Poly GIP travel program to San Diego and Tijuana aims to:

• Provide students with diverse perspectives on issues concerning the border;
• Collaborate with bi-national organizations in service projects;
• Gain a better understanding of U.S. foreign policy and U.S.—Mexico relations;
• Travel and work in unison with Partnership for Success! students from the Pasadena Unified School District to develop a community symposium on the issue of immigration.