# EIGHT HIGHLIGHTS FROM RAVENSCROFT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

### #1 **EXCHANGES IN SPAIN AND CHINA**

For more than 10 years we have had an exchange with Centro Escolar Amanecer in Alcorcón, Madrid, Spain. Spanish students come here for three weeks in August/September and we travel to Spain over Winter Break in February. colegioamanecer.es

For the last five years we have had an exchange with Beijing No. 20 High School in Beijing, China. Students see the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and much more. This year students will also travel to Qufu and Mt. Taishan. bj20zx.com/cms

These are two- to three-week programs in which students live with host families and are immersed in the language and culture.

## **#2** SERVICE PROGRAM IN ZAMBIA WITH PACK FOR A PURPOSE: PARTNERSHIPS WITH SIANDUNDA AND UYOBA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

We are committed to making meaningful contributions that have a positive impact on the communities we visit. We have made great friends in Zambia and do our best to sustain these wonderful relationships. This program is about making friends, learning from each other, and creating sustainable partnerships. We are ambassadors of our family, school, and country. We strive to be thoughtful in every sense of the word. We go, we listen, and we learn. We bring over 450 lbs. of supplies to the schools we visit through an organization called Pack for a Purpose.

# **#3** THE RAVENSCROFT INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA

This is for students who are interested in all things global! Students fulfill a variety of curricular and extracurricular requirements which include but are not limited to: taking "Global Issues" I & II, prove proficiency in a language other than English, travel and/or host, take an active role in our global clubs on campus, and maintain a digital portfolio. (We currently have 18 students pursuing the diploma in the Upper School).

### **#4** PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE GLOBAL EDUCATION **BENCHMARK GROUP (GEBG) AND WORLD VIEW**

Ravenscroft is a member of the Global Education Benchmark Group. (Mr. Kates is a board member). gebg.org

Many of our faculty members attend the World View Symposium at UNC-Chapel Hill each year to learn best practices, to teach more global content, and to infuse relevant themes into their curricula. Every year Ravenscroft selects one teacher to participate in a World View Study Visit. worldview.unc.edu

#### #5 **PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION**, **EXPERIENCIAS INTERCULTURALES,** AND NEW OASIS

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The English-Speaking Union esuus.org

Experiencias Interculturales experienciasinterculturales.com

New Oasis newoasisedu.com

## **#6 OUR STUDENTS ALSO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS SUCH AS:**

GPSA: GPSA is a medical, service and cultural immersion program in Xela and Calhuitz, Guatemala, and Belize. gpsa.org

Siempre Verde: Siempre Verde offers three summer classes in the cloud forest in Ecuador — "Tropical Ecology and Conservation," "Culture and Language Immersion," and "Art & The Environment." siempreverde.org

Spoleto: Spoleto is a hands-on immersion program in the arts and humanities for high school students, ages 15-19, interested in vocal music, instrumental music, visual arts, photography, drama, filmmaking, creative writing, and more. spoletostudyabroad.com

### #7 THE RAVENSCROFT **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

This is our fourth year. The purpose of the festival is to celebrate our rich and wonderful diversity, debunk stereotypes, and gain an appreciation for our international friends and their cultures. There will be over 30 Ravenscroft families and countries represented. April 30, 6-8 pm, in The Finley Center.

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#### MIDDLE SCHOOL TRAVEL PROGRAMS TO **COSTA RICA AND ENGLAND**

Costa Rica is through Immersion Abroad Costa Rica, April 4-12. During Spring Break, 25 students and four faculty members will travel to Atenas for a language, culture, and service program.

The program in England will be through ISCA, July 13-Aug. 2. Seventeen students will travel there. The program will also include a visit to The Emanuel School founded in the 1500s (a school also working with CCL). iscaschools.com