DOMESTIC SITE

LOCATION: Cathedral High School
1309 North Stanton Street
El Paso, TX 79902

Cathedral High School is a Lasallian all-boys high school dedicated to fostering the academic and spiritual development of our students to become good men and leaders in our community. All faculty and staff are committed to serving the Cathedral High School mission and creating a positive and challenging learning environment rooted in our Christian faith and values.

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LASALLIAN VOLUNTEERS: TBD

# OF LSI STUDENTS: 2  [Either 2 male or 2 female students, due to shared room]

STUDENT WORK:
Cathedral High School is committed to helping our seniors with most need access scholarships to fund their college. Many students apply for and obtain Gates Millennium Scholarships. (www.gmsp.org) LSI student volunteers work with students on their essays and personal statements. Last year’s Jan-termers assisted over twenty-five students to edit and finalize their applications. The result was 12 Gates Scholars and numerous other private scholarships which were directly attributable to their submitted essays.

We request that the LSI students be available on December 26, 2015 and finish a week shy of the completion of Jan Term 2016.

Working with the Counseling Department doing:
• One-on-one assistance in helping each student bring out their unique story for essays
• Helping students edit their application essays
• Assisting students to fill out applications
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Other areas that students may assist in:
• Working with seniors who will not attend the “Boot Camp” over Christmas break to help match them to scholarship opportunities
• Working with juniors to identify scholarships and create portfolios

Volunteers may also be involved with:
A special project as determined by the students and Cathedral High School

QUALIFICATIONS OR SKILLS REQUESTED: Good writing skills

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF COURSE: $850
Estimate based on the following costs:
• $175.00 – Materials Fee
• $475.00 – Airfare
• $200.00 – Excursions and Cultural Activities

Please note:
• Most LSI costs are estimates, and may vary depending on flight costs at the time airline tickets are purchased, and how much each student wants to spend on extra activities, personal souvenirs, small thank you gifts for hosts, etc.
• LSI students will, in consultation with LSI staff and on-site LSI/community contact, book their own travel arrangements. Approximate dates: January 2-30, 2016

PASSPORT:
El Paso is located on the U.S./Mexico border; Passports are NOT necessary, but students would need a passport if they would like to travel into Mexico. Travel across the border is not guaranteed, and is highly dependent on the current safety issues in the border area of Mexico.

ACCOMMODATIONS:
Students will stay at the Brothers' residence, which is located next to the school, just north of the Downtown center of the city of El Paso. There are four Brothers and one Lasallian Volunteer. The students will share a room and a bathroom. Community members, including LSI students, take turns cooking dinner.

RISKS/EMERGENCIES:
Site has access to 911 emergency services; Cathedral High School is located in the central part of the city in a safe neighborhood, and is less than one mile from the nearest hospital.

COMMUNICATION:
Students will be asked to primarily use their own phones and computers for personal communication. The school and Brothers’ residence has Internet access available for any communication and school needs.
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COURSE WORKLOAD:
- Requirements as listed on the syllabus.
- Includes four required 2-hour seminars and possible additional meeting for further information on this particular location.

BEHAVIOURAL EXPECTATIONS:
Students must respect the following guidelines:
- Conduct themselves with a high level of maturity (this is expected of all LSI students)
- Be in communication with supervisor about where you are at all times
- Be aware of norms and expectations regarding appropriate clothing
- Students are expected to be punctual, professional, respectful and willing to follow directions and work with a team
- No alcohol or drugs
- Meet curfew
- Students should expect to participate in community life including daily prayer/reflection, shared meals (Be prepared to cook!) and other community activities

CULTURAL AWARENESS:
Many Cathedral High School students are Bilingual (English/Spanish), and so if LSI students are bilingual this would useful but is by no means required for a productive and edifying experience.

FOOD: Specific dietary restrictions can be accommodated by the Brothers' community.

EVERYDAY LIFE: El Paso is a city of approximately 700,000 residents. Located in the far southwestern corner of Texas, bordering Mexico and the state of New Mexico. The University of Texas at El Paso is located one mile from the school and is a growing research university. El Pasoans are welcoming and friendly.