

Dear Watershed Community,

As Head of School at Watershed, I feel I often say, "It's quiet here today at school!" This is because, so often our students and educators are out in the field. This week, it's more the case than ever, with all but the 6/7 classes out on fieldwork (and 6/7 leaves Sunday!). May Term at Watershed is a special time – really the essence of what we believe here:

- That students learn best when exploring real issues in the world, and learning first-hand from experiences and experts in the field.
- That to become "caring, committed global citizens," we must travel and immerse ourselves in different environments.
- And that we build our own connections and community strength by traveling together.

This is why we currently have students studying and learning around the world:

- Engaging in scientific research in Iceland.
- Learning about development and community empowerment in Kenya.
- Studying culture and biodiversity in Ecuador.
- Engaging in a place-based, interdisciplinary study of Kino Bay in Mexico – exploring history, culture, geology, and ecology.
- Deepening our understanding of water issues in the West on Utah's Green River.
- Eighth graders engaging in a self-reflective rite of passage – thinking about who they want to be as they transition to high school – as they learn about others and themselves at Pine Ridge Reservation and the Badlands in South Dakota.
- And 6th and 7th graders heading to the Four Corners region to continue their exploration of public lands and preservation.

Learning about the world, directly from experiences in the world – what could be better?

Thanks for reading.

Warmly,

Tim