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The Benefits of Excursions

There are many benefits to the expeditions ATLAS takes us students on. Three of these benefits are closer bonds built between teachers and students, once in a lifetime travel experiences, and an alternate way to earn credits. For example, I have personally been able to attend a five day excursion to Zion National Park, most recently I was able to ski at Squaw Valley in Tahoe, and in March I will be traveling to San Francisco to see Hamilton. Each of these experiences are opportunities that would not have been provided at my previous Collegiate Academy. These benefits have enhanced my experience at ATLAS, and given me something to talk about with other students.

On our way back from Squaw valley I was able to discuss things that interested me with Mr. Nelson. We talked about Tesla, nuclear energy, quantum computing, investments, and so much more. These conversations increased my interest and encouraged me to look into investing more even though I am 17 and cannot legally invest in the stock market. These talks about finance and science will impact me for the rest of my life.

If I did not attend ATLAS there is no way I could have ever gone to squaw valley on my own. The average cost of a day pass and a lesson is \$609. I could never afford this on my own, and I am grateful for the experience. The view from the top of the mountain was beautiful, and as my dad always says “a bad day on the slopes beats a good day in the office.” This statement is certainly true on this trip. We had a view of Lake Tahoe, and it was better than a good day at

school. The experience is something I will never forget, and has given me memories that will last a lifetime.

This alternate way of earning credits has shortened my time in high school significantly. I will be graduating a semester early, and many other students have graduated even earlier. These multipurpose events allow us to be more active, while earning required credits. The English credits I have earned have allowed me to finish English 11 early. Allowing me to graduate earlier than expected.

In conclusion, expeditions are beneficial to every student. The amount of value in each of these trips makes going very beneficial. These benefits cannot be overstated each trip results in at least one one if not more credits. These stronger relations with students and teachers alike, insane travel opportunities, and ways to accelerate education.