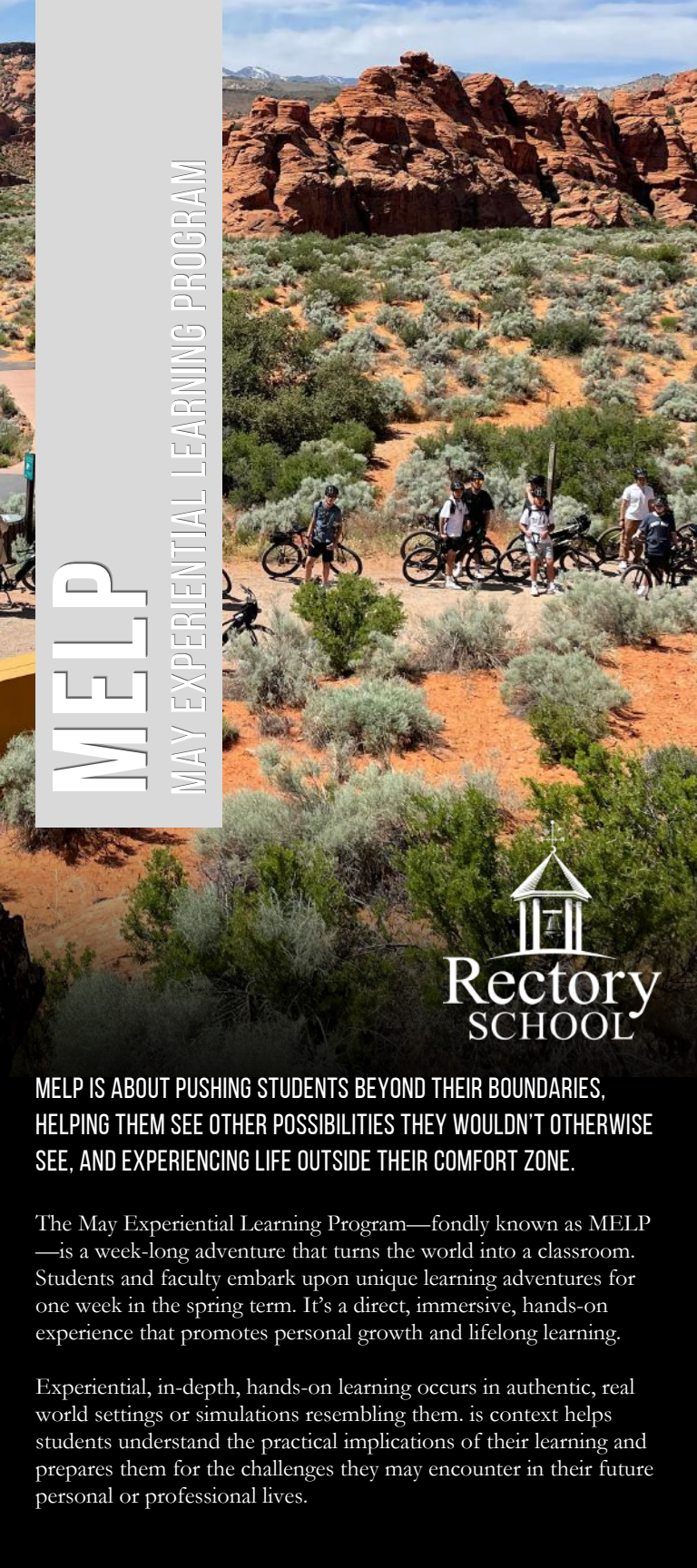




MELP

MAY EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM



MELP IS ABOUT PUSHING STUDENTS BEYOND THEIR BOUNDARIES, HELPING THEM SEE OTHER POSSIBILITIES THEY WOULDN'T OTHERWISE SEE, AND EXPERIENCING LIFE OUTSIDE THEIR COMFORT ZONE.

The May Experiential Learning Program—fondly known as MELP—is a week-long adventure that turns the world into a classroom. Students and faculty embark upon unique learning adventures for one week in the spring term. It's a direct, immersive, hands-on experience that promotes personal growth and lifelong learning.

Experiential, in-depth, hands-on learning occurs in authentic, real world settings or simulations resembling them. This context helps students understand the practical implications of their learning and prepares them for the challenges they may encounter in their future personal or professional lives.



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OPPORTUNITIES

MELP is all about adventure, discovery, and connection. Students dive into exciting destinations, explore diverse communities and cultures, and forge meaningful relationships beyond the classroom. Each MELP experience is fueled by the passion of our leaders, who bring their interests to life in unforgettable ways. It's not just a trip—it's a journey of learning, growth, and the lifelong bonds that define a Rectory School education.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Every MELP offering includes a chance to give back and make a meaningful impact on the communities students become a part of. Whether cleaning up beaches, volunteering at soup kitchens, or collecting food for those in need, our students roll up their sleeves and take action. Because at Rectory, we don't just learn—we lead, we serve, and we make a difference.

MELP OFFERINGS:

A Peek at the Chesapeake Bay
A Taste of New England
Arts in the Berkshires
Behind the Scenes
Charm of Charleston
Charter Philly
Colorado Adventures
Crafting Connections: Hands-On Ceramics
Exhibit Explorers
Happy, Healthy, Fit and Fed
Hawaii Explorations
Game On! Inside New England Sports
Leave No Trace: Backpacking Adventure
Look Who's Cooking?
Nantahala Outdoor Adventure
Nature's Classroom
On the Rhode in the Ocean State
Puerto Rico: Island of Natural Wonders
San Diego: Land, Air, and Sea
Sketchbook Journeys
Soul of New Orleans: Swamp, Street, Sound
Washington, D.C.: Feed your Mind, Feed the Community
Water Explorers
Wonderful World of Animals

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“MELP is hands-down the best part of the year! It's the first thing everyone talks about on the first day of school. You're having so much fun, you don't even realize you're learning!”

-McKenna B., Class of 2025 Alumni

