

# warriors **BE**yond

## A Message from the Superintendent

Mariemont City Schools is committed to enhancing student learning through diverse curricular options and enriching experiences for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Our goal is to drive deeper understanding and skill development and support global competency.

That is why I am so proud of our award-winning Warriors BEyond program. This K-12 initiative has been meticulously designed to offer our students hands-on, real-world experiences that will enrich their education and prepare them for the challenges and opportunities of the future. By combining traditional classroom instruction with this immersive, practical learning, we aim to ignite curiosity, foster creativity and instill a lifelong love of learning.

Through the Warriors BEyond program we seek to offer:

1. Real-world connections that allow students to engage with professionals in various fields, gaining valuable insights and mentorship;

2. Hands-on learning to encourage student participation and connection;
3. Community engagement to instill a sense of social responsibility and provide meaningful learning experiences; and
4. Personalized learning paths that will cater to the individual interests and strengths of each of our students.

I am immensely grateful for the dedicated educators, parents and community members who work to bring the Warriors BEyond program to life. I also am grateful for the Mariemont School Foundation, whose financial contributions support experiential learning in all of our school buildings. Together we are shaping the future of education for all of the students of Mariemont City Schools.



Sincerely,

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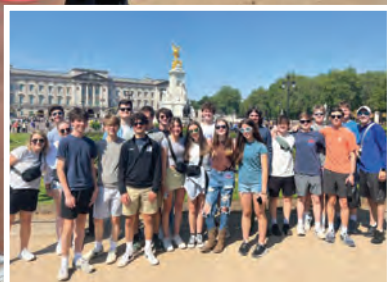
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# Warriors BEyond Builds Global Learners



Mariemont High School students experienced their history classes come to life this summer during a trip across the globe. Eighteen students and three staff members toured England, France, Belgium and Germany on the World War II and the Western Front global trip. We are proud to offer these once in a lifetime experiences to our students as part of their high school education. You can see a list of upcoming 2024 trips, as well as the anticipated 2025 trips, on the district website at [mariemontschools.org/MariemontTravel](http://mariemontschools.org/MariemontTravel).

Check out what some of our students, staff and parents had to say about the WWII and the Western Front trip on the next page.





# Warriors BEyond Program Spotlight:



## What is Mission BEyond?

- Experiential Learning for Mariemont City Schools' youngest learners in kindergarten through fourth grade
- Single day programming
- Designed to enhance a piece of their established curriculum
- Hands-on, ungraded work aimed at real-world learning



Mission BEyond is the very first building block of the Warriors BEyond program. It is an introduction to the experiential learning students will be exposed to through the remainder of their educational careers in Mariemont City Schools. It seeks to enhance what the students are already learning through their traditional curriculum with creative and interactive content.

Mission BEyond was launched in the spring of 2023 and has already created some unforgettable experiential learning programming, including:



**Penguin Encounter**  
kindergarten



**Zoo Life**  
kindergarten



**Rainforest Exploration**  
first grade



**Composting and Worms**  
second grade



**The Game of Life**  
third grade



**The American Revolution**  
fourth grade

# ***What are they saying?***

“It was really amazing to get to see the places that we’d studied in school firsthand and be able to talk to people who are well-versed in the WWII history in their region. Plus, we cemented new friendships and made memories that will last a lifetime.”

– Claire Hoffner, MHS junior

**How did you see learning come to life through the WWII and the Western Front International Travel Trip?**

**“I saw learning come to life on our trip when we were on the beaches of Normandy asking our teachers questions about D-Day and having them be able to physically show us where things happened at on that day.”**  
– Rilee Lambert, MHS senior

**“History class immerses you into the setting of an event or time period in which you’re learning about, but by going on a trip to the actual places in real time you see and learn way more than you ever could in class. By going to the war fronts, cemeteries, palaces, etc., I experienced a whole new world of history. There was just something about seeing all of it in real life that opened my eyes up to the fact these weren’t just stories in a textbook.”**

– Peyton Quiambao,  
MHS sophomore



“Learning came to life, standing on the sand of Omaha Beach, on Father’s Day morning. Together, with my students, we remembered in awe the sacrifices of our American heroes. Our group was able to fully appreciate the magnitude of the War, as we grasped the enormity of the Normandy coast and discussed one of the turning points in U.S. History. It was the highlight of my teaching career.”  
– Mike Hanley, MHS Social Studies teacher

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– RYAN NIEMEYER, MHS PARENT

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## *Alumni Spotlight*

Owen Holliday, Class of 2020



As a student at Mariemont High School, Owen participated in Master Class, an opportunity for students to create their own curriculum for an elective credit. Master Class students decide what content they are interested in pursuing and design a class that is not traditionally offered at the high school. Below you can read about Owen's Warriors BEyond experience and how it propelled his career after graduation.

### **What was your Master Class at Mariemont High School about?**

I took a real estate Master Class that allowed me to be extremely creative. I had a lot of interest in real estate at the time but didn't know exactly what route to follow. I performed my own research on different aspects of real estate including becoming a real estate agent, becoming a real estate developer, owning rental properties, fixing & flipping real estate and wholesaling real estate.

### **How have you used the knowledge from your Master Class experience in your life?**

The summer I graduated I started really focusing on real estate and in August of the next school year I closed my first deal. Since then I've closed countless deals and I know that none of this would have even been a thought in my head if I hadn't been given the opportunity to take the Master Class and learn about real estate.

Master Class helped me realize what I wanted to do for my career. If it weren't for this program,

I wouldn't have had the idea or the interest in creating the real estate company that I own today.

### **What are the key benefits from participating in the Master Class experience?**

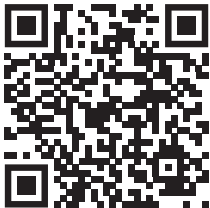
In my opinion, the biggest benefit from taking a Master Class is the opportunity to get an extra step ahead in whatever you are passionate about. You have the ability to turn any dream into a reality because of the time and the resources it provides.

### **How did the flexibility of an independent study course benefit your learning experience?**

The flexibility of my Master Class allowed me to really explore what I was interested in rather than a different elective I didn't care as much about. The class is structured for you to do the learning on your own and then meet with an advisor to discuss your progress and your goals. That format definitely prepared me for the start of my career.

### **What advice would you give to a student considering a Master Class?**

Find something you're really passionate about (whether that is one or five things) and do as much research on it as you can. I learned everything I could from books and YouTube, etc. Taking this class allowed me to get a jumpstart on my career while I was still in high school.



To learn more about the Warriors BEYond initiative, along with its specific programming and a calendar of events, scan the QR code or visit the Warriors BEYond page of the district website.

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