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Expanding The Classroom

(NAPSA)—At America's independent schools, students are trying their hands at a number of exciting experiential learning activities, like partnering with a university to develop software for a local museum; creating simulated archeological sites; brainstorming robotic design ideas with NASA engineers; and volunteering at homeless shelters, hospitals and nursing homes.



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Whether they take place in the schoolyard, in the community or farther afield, experiential learning activities bring curriculum to life. Hands-on activities can spark new interests, help students develop new skills, illustrate topics taught in class and play a role in helping students learn and retain concepts.

“Academics need not be removed from the real world,” said Patrick F. Bassett, president of the National Association of Independent Schools. “One of the best ways to embed principles learned within the classroom is to apply them via experiences outside the classroom.”

For more information about independent schools, visit www.isadvocacy.org/parents.