Accessibility Awareness
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All people, regardless of ability level, have the right to opportunities found in the world around them. This trip will be heading out to Camp Courageous to work directly with the differently abled population. Individuals with disabilities, as well as their families, should have access to year-round recreational and respite care activities in a camp setting. Camp Courageous sets out to provide access to those activities for all differently abled individuals. Participants on this Alternative Spring Break can expect to work closely with the adult campers, assisting them with their daily activities for the duration of the week. This will be a wonderful experience for all students!

Animal Welfare
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The world is home to over eight million species of animals. These species, however, are continually threatened by human growth and expansion. Animals are an important part of the ecological cycles of the earth, and it is important for humanity to coexist in harmony with its neighbors. The goal of this trip is to educate students on the importance of symbiotic living between humans and animals while teaching ways to spread awareness on the issues and the solutions both locally and globally. This trip will provide the unique opportunity of living and serving at a location that offers hands on animal experience and teaching by expert staff members.

Food Insecurity & Public Health (**Honors Students Only**)
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The United States has been dealing with food insecurity for decades, and in 2014, 15% of the population was food insecure, meaning that just over forty-eight million people did not have enough food to support a healthy and sustainable lifestyle. By combating these issues through service, participants will learn a great deal about public health and the role that we as individuals have in the larger picture. Early in the week, participants will find themselves working in several different settings like, with a food pantry, soup kitchen, and a food bank (a large-scale version of a food pantry). We will also welcome the spring weather by working in local community gardens and work with partners to educate community members about public health crises as well as how food insecurity adversely affects public health.

Marginalized Identities
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Partnering with several organizations, this trip will focus on serving those whose rights have been infringed upon and increasing awareness of inclusion efforts. Participants on this trip can expect to serve alongside this community by partnering with the Rush Center headquarters and sorting clothes at a local thrift store that benefits LGBTQ+ youth. A group that struggles with accessibility, which is an intrinsic human right, is the disabled population; therefore, we will be partnering with a group that assists the community’s disabled adults and children. Here, we will aid in sorting supplies, cleaning wheelchairs, and sorting materials at their medical supply intake area and thrift store. Overall, this trip will emphasize the efforts we can make to foster and promote equality and inclusion.
**Refugee & Immigrant Outreach**  
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If you have a passion for learning about other cultures, a heart for service, and a desire to work with a diverse group of people then this alternative spring break trip is for you! During this trip, participants will serve an urban refugee and immigrant community from 360 degrees. We will be repairing some of the facilities that are used for immediate housing for incoming refugees and working in ESL programs. This is vitally important as it helps these individuals and families better adjust to life in the United States. Developing an understanding of marginalized groups is critical to becoming an informed citizen and a major first step in making an impact on your own community. This trip will provide a greater level of understanding and empathy for these populations.

**Wealth Distribution**  
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Traveling to an international hub for finance, commerce, industry, and transportation, the wealth distribution issue in the area is directly related to racial divides that plague the city. Education, income, and occupational segregation are all interrelated, and each type affects the other. According to a local news outlet, 10% of this city’s residents live in deep poverty with income less than half the federal poverty line. This alternative break will be focusing on wealth distribution inequality and its relation to the immense segregation that continues to exist in this city. Within the city, wealth distribution inequality is a result of many several factors, including low and inequitable educational opportunities for certain communities as well as occupational discrimination. We will be learning more about the historical deep racial divides which are often the direct result of public policies.

**Youth Development**  
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Growing up can already be difficult enough. Imagine doing it while being marginalized due to how you look or where you live. This trip centers on the difficulties that many children in low income settings face daily. This trip will be an immersive experience into urban youth poverty and the implications of the resource disparities that this population faces. This includes exploring how things like race and disabilities can further make it difficult for children in these settings. This trip will serve in a variety of places including schools, foster care agencies, and non-profit organizations helping in any way that we can. These experiences will help facilitate discussion on the experiences of these marginalized youth and what can be done to combat their adverse childhood experiences individually and systematically.