

AP Students Visit Fordham

Cody Santiago '08

Here at Mount Saint Michael Academy there are many Advanced Placement courses available for those students who are qualified and up for the challenge. A.P classes as they are called are supposed to resemble and help give the feeling of a college course, having the same work load and a similar teaching style. Now, how can you get the college experience if you never visit and actual college campus?

On October 3rd the A.P students at Mount, sophomores, junior and seniors, took a field trip to Fordham University, and we were able to experience a day in the life of a college student. At Fordham University we had full access of the library and all of the resources that the campus had to offer. The library had millions of books (literally) and state-of-the-art computers with access to all websites and a full directory of the library. The directory gave information on where to find all the books.

All of the A.P classes had an assignment given to them to work on in the library that day. All the resources offered that day gave us the opportunity to get a lot of work accomplished in a college atmosphere. The A.P U.S. History class had to write a paper on Benjamin Franklin and there was more than enough information found on him to write the paper. Some students would argue that the work that was accomplished at Fordham could have easily been done at home. To a certain extent that may have been true but neither your home nor your local library gives you the access to all of the books used by the students.

The best aspect of this trip was the experience. I actually felt like a college student and we were also able to see actual college students at work. We were able to spend a day on a college campus and that experience you can get no where else.