

The background of the page is a photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, viewed from a low angle looking up at the red steel structure. The bridge spans across a body of water towards a hazy, mountainous horizon. Overlaid on the upper half of the image is the text 'POSTCARDS HOME' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are filled with a collage of various San Francisco postcard images, including views of the city, the bridge, and the bay. The text has a thick orange drop shadow.

# POSTCARDS HOME

## Mapping the Student Global Experience

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### EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION AT CONVENT & STUART HALL

Teaching and learning at Convent & Stuart Hall are not confined within the physical walls of our school buildings or the traditional classroom environment. Students are educated throughout San Francisco, across the nation and internationally. We invite authors, scientists, artists and civic and business leaders to deliver aspects of the curriculum, complementing in-class learning with authentic, real-world experiences. Through travel and service, as well as artistic and entrepreneurial engagement, students are challenged to step outside their comfort zone and develop into culturally competent, “globally tested” citizens.

Four students wrote postcards home, capturing highlights of their recent experiential education experiences.



Dear Mom,

We are having the greatest time at Coloma! We have gone on spectacular hikes, explored the town and even panned for gold. I have learned so much about the gold rush, such as who first discovered gold and who benefited from it. Although I miss you, I kind of want to stay. They give us dessert with everything! After a day of fun activities, we got to play a full-grade tag game. It was amazing! This is such a cool trip, and I hope to go on more overnight adventures. See you soon!

Love,  
Lucan  
Stuart Hall Grade 5



Dear Dad,

Yesterday we visited Mount Vernon, the home of President George Washington. My favorite part was a room where we chose what we would do in different scenarios as the president. After lunch, we played Topgolf and visited the Vietnam Memorial. Many of my classmates located the names of family members lost in the war. We ended our day with a ghost tour of Alexandria.

Sending you a big hug,  
Ainsley  
Convent Grade 8



Dear Mom,

Walking through Berlin, I saw many beautiful sites with its city layout, nature and architecture, and I had many opportunities to take remarkable photos. This particular one made me think of you and your side of the family that's in Ukraine right now and made me appreciate Berlin's evident support for the Ukrainian refugees. The Berliner Fernsehturm tower felt daunting as it made me think back to the era of the Soviet Union when it was built. It also made me understand the city's ability to adapt and grow multiple times, from being under one of the most totalitarian regimes in history to one of the most democratic and liberal cities in the world, full of art and culture.

Vlad  
Stuart Hall Grade 12



Bonjour!

Today we traveled south to Bordeaux with my exchange student's friends for a weekend road trip. It was so much fun! We visited the Dune du Pilat and shopped around the small coastal towns. One day, we rented a paddle boat and went around a lake since it was warm enough. I've challenged myself to converse solely in French, which has been the most difficult when talking to her friends in a more colloquial tone. Mais je peux dire que mes compétences en français ne font que s'améliorer!

Nicole  
Convent Grade 12

