Greetings!
The details are starting to take appropriate form, and so here is our schedule. It may change somewhat, but this should be pretty accurate. This will be on the website, so if you ever get lost, need to be contacted, or are late, you can find the schedule with all the information online. Please note that the Maymester begins in Geneva, there is no Vanderbilt segment this year. We then depart from Zurich on May 18th, for the DC portion, until May 29th. It’s possible to leave Zurich by train early in the morning, and return to Geneva before flying to DC, if you prefer. You need only arrive in DC on May 18th.

FLIGHTS
Students will depart from wherever they wish on Saturday, May 2nd, to arrive in Geneva on Sunday, May 3rd. All students are responsible for their own flights, but can work with Vanderbilt’s travel agent if desired, and I can offer advice. Generally speaking, it’s best to take as direct a route as possible, so as to avoid hassles during layovers. Swiss Air, for example, runs direct flights to Geneva, and works well. Other American and European carriers service Geneva as well, with an array of different options. My second suggestion is to look for a flight that arrives in Geneva early in the day, this helps with your eventual orientation.

SCHEDULE:
Saturday, May 2nd. Students depart from wherever they wish, to arrive in Geneva on May 3rd. Students are responsible for their flights.

Sunday, May 3rd at 3PM, we will meet up at Hotel Cornavin, in Geneva, in the restaurant upstairs. I will provide a one-week public transportation pass, good for travel anywhere in Geneva.

Hôtel Cornavin, Gare de Cornavin, 1201 Genève, T: ++41 22 716 12 12 Fax: ++41 22 716 12 00, cornavin@fhotels.ch; http://cornavin@fhotels.ch.

4PM: International Red Cross and Red Crescent Organization. We will go on a guided tour to recapture the work of Henry Dunant and the founding of the Red Cross. The walk, mainly in the Old Town of Geneva, will include visits to the places associated with the life of Henry Dunant, the founding of the Red Cross and the establishment of the Geneva Conventions. We leave from Hotel Cornavin.

Monday, May 4th
United Nations
9:00AM-2:00PM
We will leave Hotel Cornavin and arrive at the United Nations at 9:00 am. Jérémy Binz, United Nations Information Service will arrange a tour of the UN, and provide us access to a host of different UN presentations that last on average 1 hour and 15 minutes each, on a range of subjects. There is a cafeteria at the UN for students who
wish to order lunch. United Nations Sophie Aleksa, Visitors’ Service, Palais des Nations, 14, avenue de la Paix. Tel: +41 (0)22 917 48 96 or +41(0)22 917 45 39, Fax: +41(0)22 917 00 32, Email: visitgva@unog.ch.

**UNESCO**  
**3:00PM-5:00PM**  
We leave the UN at 2, and arrive at UNESCO around 3PM for a meeting with Ruth Creamer, IBE Documentation Centre, UNESCO International Bureau of Education. Tel. +41 22 917 78 57; email: r.creamer@unesco.org; www.ibe.unesco.org

**Tuesday, May 5th**  
**UNHCR**  
**10:00-11:30** Paul Jeunet, Ms. Angelika Montillot and Guido Ambrosio, Visitors’ Centre, Division of External Relations, UNHCR, 94, rue de Montbrillant. Tel.: +41 22 739 88 12; E-mail: montillo@unhcr.org; visitors@unhcr.org; www.unhcr.org

**11:30-1:15**, optional lunch with Guido Ambrosio, Research Director, UNHCR.

**2:30-5:00PM**  
**International Organization for Migration (OIM)**  
Meetings with TOUZENIS Kristina, International Law Division, OIM, 17, Route des Morillons, CH-1211 Geneva 19, Switzerland, Tel: +41.22.717.9111, Fax: +41.22.798.6150

**6:00PM-8:00PM**, optional SUPPER with TOUZENIS Kristina

**Wednesday, May 6th**  
**11am-12.30pm**  
**Doctors’ Without Borders (MSF)**  
Katy, Tel: + 41(0) 22 849 8452, http://www.msfaccess.org

**14h30-17h00**  
**World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**  
Cathy Jewell, Senior Information Officer, Editor, WIPO Magazine, Communications Division, 34 chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. T +4122 338 95 47; M +4179 615 60 38; cathy.jewell@wipo.int; www.wipo.int.

**Thursday May 7th**  
**9:00AM-5:00PM**  
**World Health Organization Headquarters**  
09.00 Arrival WHO reception (Avenue Appia 20)  
09.15 – 10.00 Introduction WHO – Dorine Da Re – van der Wal, Partnerships  
10.00 – 10.45 Polio Eradication – Mr Oliver Rosenbauer, Communications Officer, Polio Eradication Initiative  
10.45 – 11.15 Break
11.15 – 12.00 Mental health – Dr Mohammad Yasamy, Medical Officer, Mental Health:
Evidence and Research
12.15 – 14.00 Lunch
14.00 – 14.45 Alcohol – Mr Dag Rekve, Technical Officer, Management of Substance Abuse
14.45 – 15.00 Break
15.00 – 16.00 International Health Regulations – Mr Fernando Gonzalez-Martin, Technical Officer, International Health Regulations
16.00 - 17.00 CONCLUSIONS and DISCUSSIONS

Friday, May 8th
11:30-1:00PM
World Trade Organization (WTO)

3:00-6:00PM
Fondation Martin Bodmer
Private visit and guided tour of the Fondation Martin Bodmer, with le professeur Méla et Claire Dubois, Assistante de direction, Fondation Martin Bodmer, 19-21, route Martin Bodmer, 1223 Cologny. Ligne directe : + 41 (0) 22 707 44 38 (le matin); Fax : + 41 (0) 22 707 44 30.

Saturday, May 9th
9:00AM-Noon
CERN
Private tour and visit of the facilities. You will be visiting the CMS experiment, one of the two experiments responsible for discovering the Higgs boson (often called the God particle in the media). The CMS detector is located around 100 meters underground, and it is one of the experiments laying on the LHC, a particle accelerator with a 27 km circumference. For those who would like to know more about the subject, here are some links with some facts and figures:
CERN: http://home.web.cern.ch/about
LHC: http://home.web.cern.ch/topics/large-hadron-collider
CMS: http://home.web.cern.ch/about/experiments/cms
Higgs boson: http://home.web.cern.ch/topics/higgs-boson. CERN is a pretty big place, and if you’d like you may go and visit the exhibitions at the main site on your own (it is the last stop of tram 18). This tour will be at Point 5, which is near Cessy, France and the place where the detector is located.
- Practical information: coordinates: N46.310745, E6.078165 There are signs saying CERN Point 5 along the road a couple of km ahead. The trip will probably take around 30 mins from Geneva and since you will be crossing into France, you are required to take your passport with you. You will need to be at the main entrance of CMS a couple of minutes in advance. My suggestion is to arrive 10 mins earlier. The guide will come and pick you up. Guides from CMS are people who work on the experiment and all are experts in their fields, so do not hesitate to ask absolutely any question you might think of regarding CERN or the physics behind the
experiment. I would strongly advise not to hesitate to ask them to explain in simpler terms if something is not clear, as we all tend to speak in acronyms and technical terms. In short: feedback is welcome.

- Safety information –
Before visiting CMS all visitors are informed that: Closed, flat or block-heeled shoes are required for the site visits. Helmets will be provided. It is not possible to take bags or backpacks larger than 10 litres to the underground areas. CERN does not take any responsibility for items left unattended during the visit. For the safety of those working at or visiting the CMS site, CMS reserves the right to cancel visits at short notice. Pregnant women close to labour, for safety reasons, should not go underground. For people with reduced mobility, please inform in advance. Access to underground areas is forbidden to persons equipped with any of the following: pacemaker, defibrillator, electronic medicine dispenser, hearing aid, metal implant. Should an alarm occur please follow the instructions given by your guide, who will conduct you to the surface using the lift.

Saturday afternoon
Departure for Chamonix

May 9-12, Chamonix
Hiking and writing (sublime) poetry at Mont Blanc. We will stay at the Hotel Gustavia: Tel +33-(0)450 53 00 31, www.hotelgustavia.eu. 272 Avenue Michel Croz, 74 400 Chamonix Mont Blanc, France. At 15,781 feet the highest peak in Europe, marks the border between France and Italy. The mountain was first climbed in 1786 by Jacques Balmat and Michel Gabriel Paccard, and in 1787 by Balmat and, later, Horace Bénédict de Saussure. Although the expeditions were separate, Balmat and Saussure are celebrated together in a commemorative sculpture in Chamonix. There were five successful expeditions, two of them British, between 1787 and 1816 when the Shelley party visited Mont Blanc. Although Percy Bysshe Shelley was well aware that the mountain had been scaled, yet his poem “Mont Blanc,” written during the summer of 1816, represents the summit of the mountain as never having been intruded upon by a human being. In the novel, Victor characterizes its perpetual snowcap as the “bright summit of Mont Blanc” (1.6.5 and note).

May 12-16
Grindewald
HOTEL: Katarzyna Morgenstern Romantik Hotel Schweizerhof: Familie Anneliese & Otto Hauser-Seger: Swiss Alp Resort 1 CH-3818 Grindelwald
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Highlights:
- Hiking along the «Öpfelchüechliwäg» high-altitude trail from Holenstein to Brandegg is an unforgettable experience. The trail leads through lush pastures, flower-filled meadows and inviting woodlands. Test how much you know about fruit and learn even more on the six information panels along the way. At the end of the hike you will want to reward yourself at the Brandegg mountain restaurant with its famous «Öpfelchüechli» (apple fritters).
- **Jungfraujoch**– snow and ice are guaranteed on the «Top of Europe» at 3454 m, the ultimate excursion destination in the Bernese Oberland.

- **Eiger north face**– one of the most spectacular and difficult faces to climb in the world; successfully climbed for the first time in 1938. Imparting an ‘Alpinist’ feel: starting from the Eiger glacier station, the route sticks closely to the rock along the foot of the Eiger north face and leads down to Alpiglen.

- **Gletscherschlucht (Glacier Gorge)** – at the village end of Grindelwald lies the wildly romantic, thunderous glacier gorge with its glacial mills and striations as well as the pink and green marble blocks, through which a path leads over man-made footbridges and through rock galleries and tunnels.

- **First (2168 m)**– over 100 km of hiking trails as well as 50 km of ski pistes and a toboggan run can be found on the south-facing, not overly steep First slope.

- **Männlichen (2229 m)**– gentle walking and winter sports terrain with a link to the nearby Kleine Scheidegg and with the perfect panorama across the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau.

- **Pfingstegg**– at 1391 m is the lookout post of Grindelwald and offers a unique vista across the valley floor.

### May 16-18, Zurich

**2:00PM departure for Zurich**

Franziska Jahn, The Central Plaza Hotel  
Central 1, CH-8001 Zürich; Direktwahl: +41 44 256 56 70 Tel.: +41 44 256 56 56  
Fax.: +41 44 256 56 57

An array of activities including: Museum and archives of Zurich DADA CABARET VOLTAIRE, Spiegelgasse 1, CH-8001 Zürich: info@cabaretvoltaire.ch; Museum day: Museum of Art (Kunsthaus Zurich) Heimplatz 1 | Zurich 8001; evening (if available): Zurich Opera House (Zuricher Opernhaus), Falkenstrasse 1; Beyer Museum of Time, Bahnhofstrasse 31.

### May 18th, Departure for DC

**Arrival in DC**

NOTE: meetings are still in discussion, and I will circulate details soon.

### Hotel: The Residence Inn Capital

Complimentary full hot buffet breakfast served daily  
Complimentary lite-fare socials M, T, W, 6:00-7:30 PM. Meals are served to all overnight guests  
Complimentary high speed internet access and cable/satellite  
Complimentary Grocery Store Delivery Service – Without leaving the comfort of your hotel room, we’ll shop for you and deliver your groceries right to your door! All rooms are spacious suites with separate seating areas, pull-out sofas, work desks, and fully equipped kitchens.  
Laundry valet & self service laundry  
Indoor pool/whirlpool with outdoor sundeck (great for a school gathering)
Fitness Center
On-site garage parking with 24 hour access (additional fee)
Hotel is conveniently located to several attractions. We’re 1 block from the Metro, our Washington area subway system; we’re walking distance (.5 miles) to the Smithsonian Museums, National Monuments, Penn Quarter/Chinatown; and we’re the closest Marriott to the US Capitol!
Full service, on-site catering including several menu selections and meeting space available
Contact person: Robynn Thornton Howie, Sales Manager, Residence Inn by Marriott - Washington, DC Capitol, 333 E Street, SW, Washington, DC  20024, (202) 484-8280 ext. 7103, (202) 554-0484 (F). robynn.howie@ricdc.com