Each summer since 1998 the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology has collaborated with the Pueblo of Jemez, NM and Pecos National Historical Park to offer the Pecos Pathways Program to five Phillips Academy and five Pueblo of Jemez students.

This expeditionary learning project focuses on educating P.A. students about both ancient Puebloan people and their modern descendants. The primary component of this experience is a cultural exchange with the Pueblo of Jemez. Phillips Academy students spend a week living at the Pueblo with host families, then all ten students and the chaperones travel throughout the Southwest as a group for the second week. The final week of the program is spent exploring prehistoric and colonial sites in New England.

This program is open to all Phillips Academy students who express an interest in learning about archaeology and modern Native American culture. The museum and its staff possess years of experience leading this program. Students travel with knowledgeable chaperones from the Peabody Museum, Jemez Pueblo and Pecos National Historical Park.

Some program highlights:

- One week home-stay with a Native American family at the Pueblo of Jemez.
- Spectacular home-cooked local cuisine.
- Hikes to sacred sites normally off-limits to the public.
- Presentations by local artisans including potters and flint knappers.
- Exciting weekend camping trip to the famous ruins at Chaco Canyon, NM and Mesa Verde, CO.
- Community service, conservation and archaeological laboratory work at Pecos National Historical Park.
- Tour of Boston historical sites with Boston City Archaeologist, Ellen Berkland.
- Hiking in the White Mountains.
- Rowing in Boston Harbor.
- Archaeological excavation at the Mashantucket-Pequot Reservation, CT.

Four students from Phillips Academy will be chosen for this program based on their applications, house counselor and teacher recommendations, as well as personal interviews. Pecos Pathways will commence immediately following graduation in June and will run for approximately three weeks. There is no cost to students for this trip! All successful applicants receive a full scholarship.

Over the years Pecos Pathways has been a huge success and the program’s alumni have often stated that it changed their lives. Once again we expect this summer’s trip to be a fantastic educational adventure! For more information please contact the program coordinator:

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