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Louvre Atlanta Student Exchange Program

With cultural exchange as a signature theme of *Louvre Atlanta*, twenty-five students from Lycée Rodin and Lycée d'Alembert in Paris will participate in a student exchange program with students and families from North Atlanta High School in the Atlanta Public School System from October 7 through 15, 2006.

The Paris students will be hosted by their American counterparts, spend time in class at North Atlanta High School, tour Atlanta cultural sites, and participate in special student workshops and behind-the-scenes tours of the High. The students will also participate in the grand opening of *Louvre Atlanta* on October 14.

In January 2006, students from Atlanta visited Paris in the first portion of this exchange. Paired with students who served as host families during the exchange, the Atlanta students spent time in class with their French counterparts, participated in an exclusive tour of French cultural sites, and received behind the scenes access to the Louvre.

The *Louvre Atlanta* Student Exchange Program is supported by The Charles Engelhard Foundation and American Friends of the Louvre

Louvre Atlanta

Louvre Atlanta is an unprecedented partnership that will bring hundreds of works of art from the Musée du Louvre in Paris to Atlanta. Built around specific themes and periods, the High will present a series of long-term special presentations of art from the Louvre from October 2006 through 2009. The collaboration will also include the exchange of cultural expertise and operational strategies, as well as educational programs and the development of joint bilingual publications, conferences, films, and seminars exploring exhibitions and related themes. This exclusive, multiyear, multimillion dollar partnership will continue the High's longstanding strategy of collaborating with international institutions to bring great art to Atlanta.

North Atlanta High School

North Atlanta High School (NAHS), part of the Atlanta Public Schools, was recently ranked by *Newsweek* magazine as 462 in the top 1,000 U.S. high schools. It is the home of the acclaimed four-year college preparatory International Studies magnet—instilling intercultural and global awareness through its humanities-based, interdisciplinary study of geography, history, politics, economics, environmental issues and literary analysis. Academically qualified students may also follow the curriculum designed by the International Baccalaureate (I.B.) Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Only fourteen schools in Georgia currently offer the I.B. diploma program.

Musée du Louvre

The Musée du Louvre is considered the world's greatest museum, with an encyclopedic collection of art and artifacts spanning thousands of years and hundreds of cultures, from ancient near-eastern and Egyptian objects to royal collections of French, Italian, Dutch and Spanish paintings. Established in 1793, it is one of Europe's oldest museums and is four times larger than the largest museum in the United States.

High Museum of Art

With over 11,000 works of art in its permanent collection, the High Museum of Art has an extensive anthology of 19th- and 20th-century American art; significant holdings of European paintings and decorative art; a growing collection of African American art; and burgeoning collections of modern and contemporary art, photography and African art. The leading museum in the Southeastern United States, the High is dedicated to supporting and collecting works by Southern artists and is distinguished as the only major museum in North America to have a curatorial department specifically devoted to the field of folk and self-taught art. The permanent collection has nearly tripled in size since 1983 with significant recent additions, many of which are on view for the first time in the High's 2005 campus expansion.



Students from North Atlanta High School at the Louvre, January 2006.