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Saint Augustine's College Eyes Egypt

Raleigh, NC – The Division of Liberal Arts and Education Dean, Dr. Yvonne M. Coston, will take a group of 18 travelers from Saint Augustine's College to discover the wonders of Egypt on an Education First Educational Tour March 7 - 16, 2008. The group will include College honor students, faculty and a Middle Creek High School honor student. "According to a recent geography survey conducted by National Geographic, young Americans (18- to 24-year-olds) who traveled outside the U.S. in the past three years performed 40 percent better on the survey than those who did not," Dr. Coston said. "I'd like Saint Augustine's College students and faculty to know more about their world, the culture, the people, and the languages of other countries."

The 10 day tour includes stops in Cairo, Luxor, and Aswan. "We can't wait to see the Egyptian pyramids, sail on the Nile River, and go to the Valley of the Kings in person," said Doniece Frazier, a Saint Augustine's College student who will be traveling with the group. "We're studying about all of these things in our honors seminar and now we'll have the chance to see what they're really like."

The goal of the Egyptian study tour is to allow faculty mentors to journey with student mentees to document their experiences utilizing the practices of their specific curriculum discipline. Specifically, teams from the departments of Visual and Performing Arts, Journalism and Mass Communications, Human Performance and Wellness, and Education will develop items such as a film and photographic documentary, a newsletter, and a thematic unit lesson plan. The travel group is also planning a service activity with one of Cairo's Episcopal churches.

The Mellon Foundation, in support of the Teacher Education Advising and Mentoring Grant Project, is providing funding for this international experiential activity.

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