**MAAlt Guatemala - Building Communities**
We will be working with Constru Casa, an organization in Guatemala that focuses on community development through housing, health and education related projects. Currently Guatemala, with 52% of its population living under poverty, faces a housing deficit of 1.7 million homes. What does housing insecurity imply? What are the different ways in which families can become socially and economically developed and independent? Our trip will not only focus on building houses, but will explore all of these questions and the reality behind Guatemala’s current situation.
Leaders: Grecia De La O Abarca ’17, Ana Sanchez Chico ’18
Participant Fee: $300

**MAAlt DC: Privilege and Poverty**
We will be exploring the ethics of inequality in the capital of one of the wealthiest nations in world history. Participants will be spending most of their time helping prepare meals with the DC Central Kitchen, a social enterprise focused on reusing food waste to make quality, healthy meals for low-income individuals. We will also spend time with Bread for the City, helping to ensure that food-insecure individuals have access to fresh produce.
Leaders: Dan Adamek ’18, Sandra Luo ’18
Participant Fee: $250

**MAAlt Mexico: Supporting Mothers, Creating Community**
We will work with Casa de los Ángeles in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. This nonprofit provides a safe haven for single mothers and their young children in the hope of nurturing families and creating community. In addition to working with children at the daycare, our group will also explore issues of inequality and poverty in San Miguel de Allende, a town known for its expat communities and tourism. Our goal is to offer a caring hand to Casa and a critical eye to privilege as we engage in our work.
Leaders: Mariam Khan ’16 and Dylan Gilbert ’16
Participant Fee: $300

**Exploring Issues of Food Security and Nutrition in the New York City Food System**
Interested in food and nutrition? Enjoy working with kids? On this trip, MAAlt participants will travel to New York City and partner with diverse community food and nutrition organizations. Participants will work with EarthWorks, an urban farm on Governor’s Island doing hands-on work and gaining an understanding of the New York City food system. Middlebury students will also volunteer with City Harvest, running a mobile farmers market in an underserved neighborhood. Join us if you have interest in issues related to food and nutrition right here in the US!
Leaders: Chelsea Colby ’17.5 & Emily Beneroff ’16
Participant Fee: $150

**Individual and Community Empowerment through a Sustainable Lifestyle (Puerto Rico)**
We will be connecting with one another and the land in Puerto Rico by engaging in projects centered around environmentally sound practices for a healthy and viable future. We will be working with Plenitud, an eco-education non-profit organization committed to using permaculture practices to teach sustainable living skills. Participants will engage with community members through hands-on service activities and will be using the local knowledge to explore renewable practices and ecological food systems.
Leaders: Prasanna Vankina ’18, Emmet Norris ’18.5
Participant Fee: $250
Empowering the Youth: Exploring Early Childhood Education (Miami, FL)
Participants will travel to Miami -- a major hub of finance and commerce. Unbeknownst to most, Miami also contains one of the highest percentages of residents living below the poverty line. There are many students who don't have the luxury of affording a private education or attending a well-resourced public school. Using education as a tool, we are partnering with Little Masters, an early learning center based in low-income neighborhoods. Little Masters works directly with underprivileged students to provide them with enriching opportunities to become well-rounded and empowered. We will be helping the teachers in the classrooms, building a community garden in the playground, and aiding in the beautification of the school. Our efforts will not only allow us to interact with the kids, but we will also have a tangible impact at Little Masters for years to come.
Leaders: Elsa Alvarado ’18 & Diana Carmona ’18
Participant Fee: $250