

# WHSAD Field Schools: Preserving NYC's Historic Sites

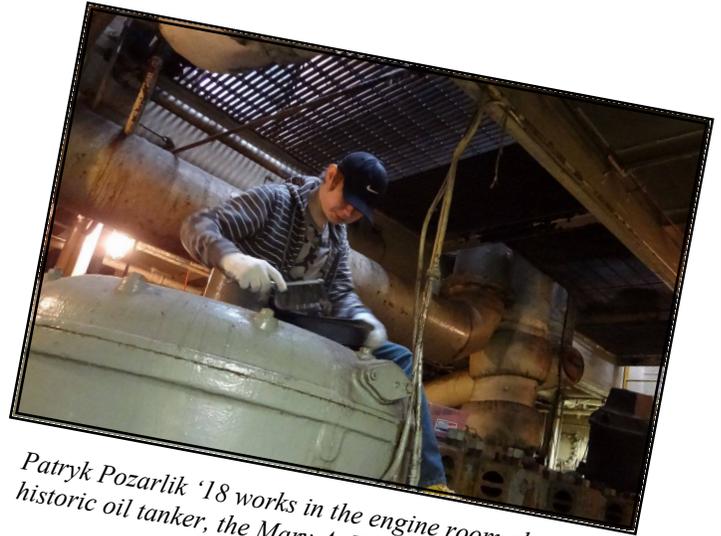
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Since April 2011, WHSAD students have participated in twelve "Field School" programs at sites around New York City, primarily ones that are part of the Parks' Department's Historic House Trust, and at Manitoga, The Russel Wright Design Center, in Garrison, NY. Supported by World Monuments Fund, these 1-3 day workshops allow students to have hands-on experience in the field of Historic Preservation, while at the same time working to preserve sites important to the history of New York.

In the 2014-2015 school year, students volunteered most of their Spring Break week at two sites: Dyckman Farmhouse, the last remaining Dutch farmhouse in Manhattan; and at PortsideNY, which is restoring the Mary A. Whalen, a 1938 oil tanker currently docked in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

Arlene Lindo, Class of 2015, described her time at Dyckman Farmhouse: "During the time [at Dyckman] we learned ... several methods to repair and restore the house, including the walls and shutters. We also learned about carpenter bees and how to repair the holes left behind. One of the days we met a [welder] who taught us the importance of [welding]."

These field schools, both within and outside of New York City, provide students with first-hand experience into the types of work required to maintain these important historic sites. By continuing these relationships, the students will be able to see how their work continues to improve the visitors' experience at these historic sites.



*Patryk Pozarlik '18 works in the engine room aboard the historic oil tanker, the Mary A. Whalen.*



*Vicente Gomez '17 and Anthony Rojas '15 work with Rebecca Brainard, Preservationist with the Historic House Trust to remove a rotting fence at Dyckman Farmhouse.*

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