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http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2009/02/01/raviv_markovitz_bassist_from_lexington_high_will_be_part_of_grammy_festivities/ you have to scroll down to the 'SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR' one.

Erica

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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR: Erica Harris (inset), a senior at Phillips Academy in Andover, knew she wanted to participate in a service learning program in Peru ever since her brother made the trip with Visions Service Adventures two years ago. A visit to her school's summer opportunities fair a year ago confirmed her interest in the three-week program, which she completed last summer.

"It sounds corny, but it was a life-changing experience," said Harris, who is still close friends with some of the people she met on the trip. "The service learning part was important, but we also learned about ourselves, which is a good thing for high school students to do."

Harris was one of 25 students who traveled to Urubamba, a small town in the Andes where they built bathrooms and furniture for a preschool and dug irrigation canals for farmers. They also learned about Peruvian culture and visited the Incan ruins at Machu Picchu.

"We accomplished a lot, and it's cool there's physical evidence that we were there," Harris said. "If you have the means, going abroad is a great way to grow as a person. It's good to get out of your comfort zone and push yourself in a different direction."

Information about more than 90 local, national, and international summer programs for middle and high school students will be available at Phillips Academy's summer opportunities fair next Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. in the school's Case Memorial Cage. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-749-4480 or go to www.andover.edu/summerops/fair.