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Mementoes from his around-the-world, one-year sabbatical are everywhere in Nathan Ugoretz's classroom at Port Washington High School.

There are ink drawings from Nepal, wall hangings from Bolivia and wood carvings from Ecuador.

Ugoretz — who taught world studies when he went on his journey five years ago and now teaches advanced placement U.S. history, youth service learning and globalization — shares his love for travel and adventure with his students, encouraging them to experience the world as participants rather than American tourists.

“I want to go to places where other people aren't going, to experience things that other people aren't seeing,” Ugoretz said. “I want to be transformed by it. I want to grow from it.”

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