The itinerary will feature:

Meetings:
- U.S. Consulate
- U.S. and Foreign Commercial Services
- American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico (AMCHAM)
- N.C. Department of Commerce Mexican Trade Representative
- Mexican Business and Government Representatives

Participation:
- Expo ANTAD Trade Show

Tours of Businesses:
- Hondo Plant
- Textile and Local Businesses

Visits:
- Cultural sites
- Historic Venues

The delegation will learn about the culture and global textile business opportunities in Mexico through first-hand interactions with business and industry leaders.

Individual research projects will allow students to explore international business dynamics and understand the most important factors influencing the success of companies in today’s global economy.

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