

Dear Class of '55,

I am very happy to have been the recipient of one of the Class of '55 scholarships for this past school year to study abroad. While studying abroad I was able to see many things in many different countries. The program I went through allowed me to study German in small town Germany for two months before I went to the big city of Vienna, Austria to both study and intern. I feel that over the past six months I have grown up in every aspect of life. I was able to interact with many people from all over the globe and from many different walks of life. The people I have met helped continue to shape the person that I am. The places that I was able to travel to and things I was able to see opened my mind even more to the history of Europe and the influence of the United States in some of these histories.

Through these interactions I was able to enrich my academic and professional time in Europe. I thoroughly enjoyed all of my classes ranging from Austrian history to grammar and style of the German language. Through these classes I was able to enjoy excursions around the city and the old Habsburg Empire to enrich the details I was learning in class.

Before leaving for Germany I had not chosen a specific internship, but once I arrived in Vienna I had an interview for a non-governmental organization based in Vienna. Soon after I started work and loved every day of it. I was able to talk to experts in the field of international relations on an every day basis. Looking back I accomplished many tasks including being an assistant editor of a 400-page book to be released this Fall. Having such an internship has allowed me to research international affairs more in depth and seriously consider such a type of work to pursue after college.

Upon arrival back at Cornell I plan to incorporate what I learned into the classes that I will take in my final year. I have undoubtedly changed as a person for the better on all levels and encourage and urge any student that has any interest in studying abroad to do it because the experiences one has while abroad in a totally different situations than probably every faced with before will make memories for a lifetime and will certainly enrich the individuals life and everyone they have contact with.

I want to thank the Class of '55 again for investing in my education and in such a imperative part of it, study abroad!

Sincerely,

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