

Dear Members of the Class of '55,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to study abroad in Florence, Italy. Without your generous scholarship I would not have been able to have this life-changing experience.

The ACM Florence program gave me the unique chance to live in Florence for a semester and be immersed in the country's culture, language, cuisine, and history. While there, I studied Italian Renaissance art history, Italian, and studio art. Originally, it was the art history courses that I was most interested in and excited about. While I learned a lot in the classes, it was surprisingly the studio art course that I really came to enjoy and looked forward to every week. The studio art is one of the things I miss most about Florence. At the beginning, I struggled, but it made the experience richer because I had to work really hard. Every day I was in the studio, I strove to improve. Luckily, I will end my Cornell career in two-dimensional art drawing with charcoal and pencil, reminding me of my semester abroad.

The ACM Florence program helped me to become a well-rounded student, a burgeoning artist, and a citizen of the world. Thank you again for your generous scholarship which enabled me to have this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Sincerely,

Gabriella Gione

