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Dear Class of '55,

The fourth block of my senior year I was able to explore two of Argentina's beautiful cities: Buenos Aires and Rosario. The course was a conversational Spanish class that dealt with learning the recent history and culture of Argentina through media and literature. This also included touring historical sites, eating delicious typical foods, and even passing by world famous Lionel Messi's apartment which made the experience so unforgettable. We stayed in Buenos Aires for a few days and saw the Pink House which is similar to our White House in the U.S. We also visited a colorful site known as el Caminito that captures the beautiful history of immigrants and is the birthplace of Tango.

The rest of our trip was spent in Rosario and our class was being hosted by UCEL a university that arranged home stays for us. They also helped provide a classroom where we would take our course and also we had one of their own professors teach us Argentine Spanish. Raised speaking Spanish as my first language I was able to learn a lot of new words and new ways of communicating analyses of films or short stories.

Our class took a tango lesson together at one of the popular tango spots in Rosario and to me the dance was reintroduced in great detail and was really amazing! My favorite experience was going to different art institutions like museums and galleries to explore the contemporary art scene. Specifically, the MACRO was a museum I enjoyed the most because it exposed me to different ideas that helped me during my senior art show.

The memories I made when visiting will always be with me and it's all thanks to you, Class of '55. You have no idea how much your donations helped in making this trip affordable and I want to thank you for such a generous contribution for that wonderful

experience. And I am even more thankful because this was my first study abroad trip at Cornell and it was truly memorable! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Arturo Hernandez

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**National Flag Memorial** in Rosario, Argentina