

Dear Class of '55,

I have always said that going to Italy would be my dreams come true. And it was. In dreams your mind is opened to new things you never thought possible, just like mine was in Italy. My travels took me to Italy for 15 days, Rome for most of it, with a glorious afternoon spent in Florence. The course that took me to Rome was an Art History class, one of my majors, and we were accompanied by another class- a Classics course- my other major! How perfect to be introduced to the land of my dreams by my two favorite Professors at Cornell.

Upon arrival in Rome we checked into our Hotel and were given a welcome feast- I got to enjoy my first authentic Italian pizza... after that, there's no going back. The dining hall pizza just doesn't taste the same anymore.

One of the highlights of my trip was visiting the Villa Farnesina, a house in Trastevere built by the Banker Agostino Chigi in the early 1500's. This is the topic I have chosen to present on for my senior thesis; in fact, I will be presenting my paper at the annual Student Symposium on April 27th.



At the Villa Farnesina!



About to enjoy my first pizza!

Since the class of '55 gave me the chance to get to Italy and do some amazing firsthand research, I would love to extend an invitation to the class of 1955 to come and see my presentation!

Once again, I want to thank the members of the class of '55 for giving me the chance to embark on such an amazing adventure, one I know I will never forget, and has provided me an invaluable life experience.

Thank you so much,

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