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Dear Class of '55,

I am very grateful to be one of the recipients of the Class of '55 award for the 2017-2018 year. I am a senior at Cornell, majoring in Secondary Education and English with a Literature concentration. Through a program called "Global Gateway for Teachers" at the University of Indiana Bloomington, I was given the opportunity to complete two months of my student teaching abroad in Ávila, Spain. This award helped make this opportunity possible, and for that I give my utmost thanks.

Through this experience, I was able to travel abroad independently for the first time in my life. This has made me much more confident traveling alone, leading to greater independence. Having the chance to student teach internationally in addition to my local student teaching experience has made me more comfortable in my career choice and helped me expand my knowledge of comparative education.

I have wanted to study abroad for my entire career at Cornell and student teaching internationally allowed me to do so in a way that is very applicable to my future career as an English teacher. I have created connections abroad, and even though I plan on staying stateside at least for the near future, those are connections that may prove valuable down the road.

Through this experience, I have grown personally, professionally, and have expanded my world view. I am so thankful for this opportunity that has been afforded to me through this award.

Sincerely,

Libby Auger '18



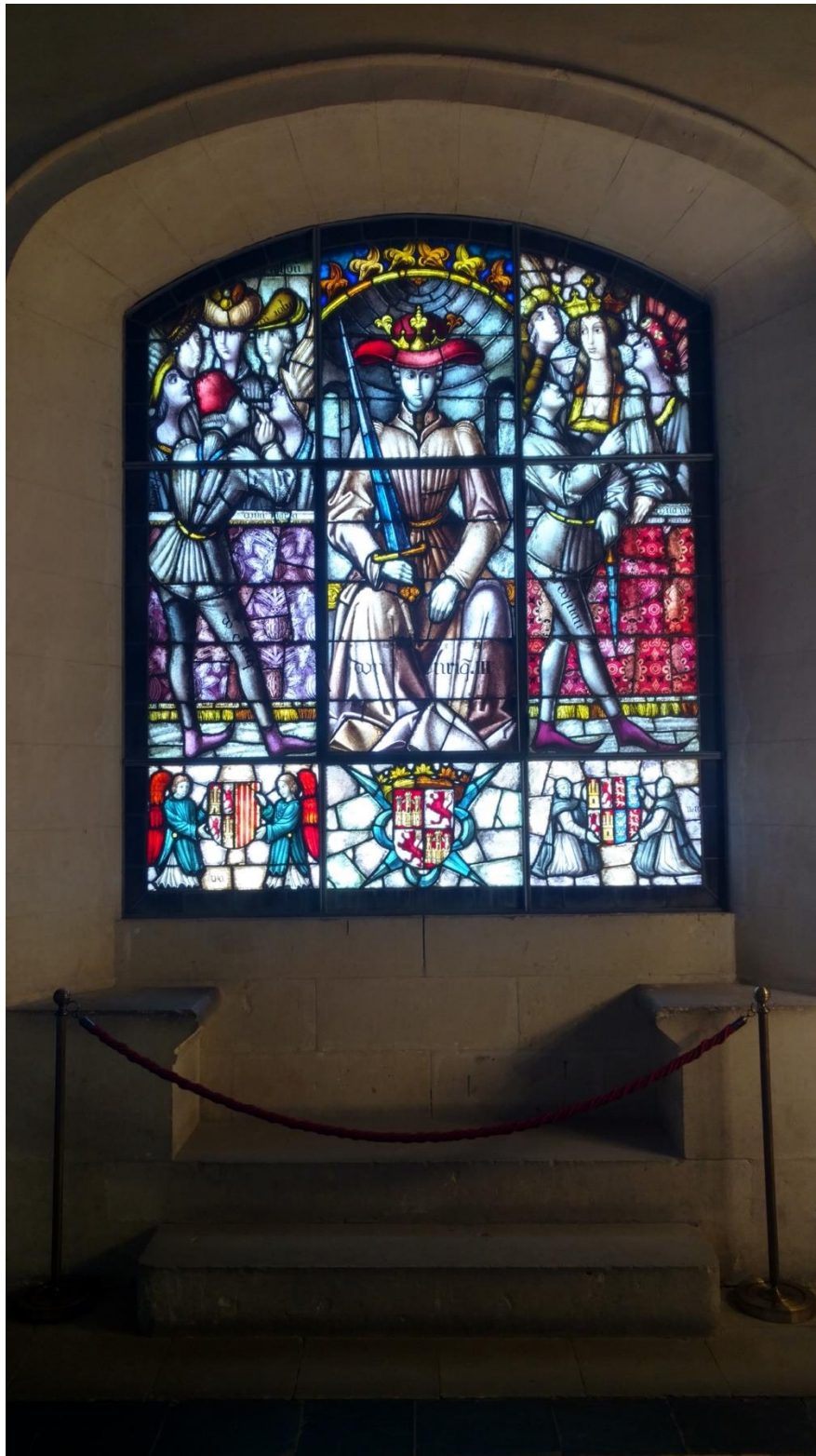
View from the top of the preserved medieval wall in Ávila.



Outside of La Iglesia de San Pedro in Ávila.



Segovia Cathedral



Stained glass in Alcazar of Segovia, a castle