

# *Knighly Adventures Abroad*

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Advice to future study abroad participants:  
Research the country you are visiting for the history and culture. Always better to be prepared.



Studying abroad is about doing all the daring and adventurous activities you may otherwise be too afraid to do.

Complete this Sentence:  
If I could do it over, I would...pack a fan.

**Major: Nursing**

**Years/Term Abroad: Summer 2014**

**Name of program and why you chose it:** This opportunity was an alternative for our Pediatric class and clinical, so not only did we complete this class early, but we were given such a unique clinical component.

**Describe the Housing Situation:** Triple bunk beds with our entire class and professors. This allows plenty of time to really get to know your peers.

**Best Memory:** Introducing myself to the neighborhood kids in Spanish, and being accepted as a playmate.

**How has this experience enriched your Bellarmine educational experience?**  
This has shown me just an example of where being affiliated with Bellarmine can take me.

**Greatest Challenge:** Communicating in Spanish was the hardest for me, so we looked up medical Spanish words and learned all the essentials before doing our assessments.

**Experiences with Culture Shock or Reverse Culture Shock:** After seeing the poverty, poor health conditions, and overall culture it is very hard to attempt to come home and be okay with what we consume here.

**What you know now that you didn't know before going abroad:**  
**Dominican Spanish can be quite different in dialect, accent, and phrases from other types of Spanish.**