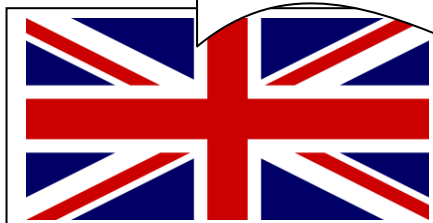
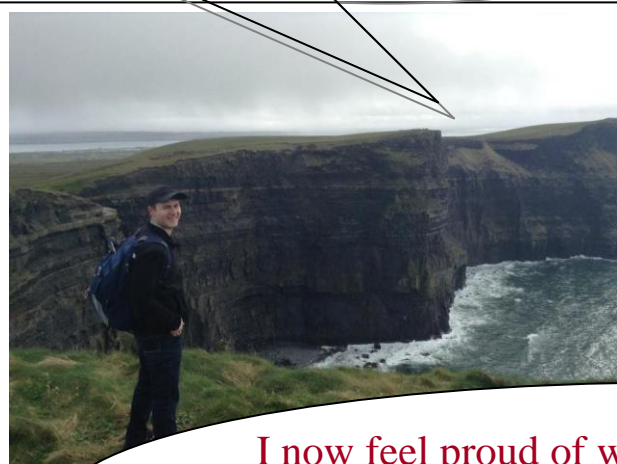


Knightly Adventures Abroad

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Advice to future study abroad participants:
Take the opportunity to take some general education requirements, and enroll in a class you that you could not take at Bellarmine! I took a Human Reproductive & Developmental Biology course that was fantastic!



I now feel proud of what I was able to accomplish while abroad, and excited for more travel opportunities in the future!

Complete this Sentence: If I could do it over, I would spend more time in the northern areas of the UK and see some of the amazing lakes and scenery in Scotland.

Major: Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, BS

Years/Term Abroad: Spring 2014

Name of program and why you chose it: A semester long Bilateral Exchange Program with the University of Birmingham. I chose this program after meeting/befriending an English exchange student at Bellarmine from Birmingham. I felt like this would be the best fit for me after speaking with them about their home university.

Describe the Housing Situation: An on campus flat (apartment) with five other local English students.

Best Memory: Traveling independently around the UK and larger Europe was an amazing experience. In particular, experiencing St. Patrick's Day in Dublin and Easter in Florence were both incredible opportunities that I will remember forever.

How has this experience enriched your Bellarmine educational experience? It has pushed me to take on more as a student at the University, and to place more confidence in myself as a young adult!

Greatest Challenge: Having to say goodbye to so many amazing friends!

Experiences with Culture Shock or Reverse Culture Shock: It was difficult getting used to being without a vehicle. When I returned, it was hard to adjust to living alone again and not knowing how to describe the experience in one single conversation with someone.

What you know now that you didn't know before going abroad:
Change is always positive in some respect. Learning to accept the unpredictable and "roll with the punches" is an important part of life to become comfortable with.