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Summer Study Abroad in Panama

During my six weeks studying abroad in Panama, I had the privilege to experience so many different things for the first time. I was able to try traditional food dishes, take salsa dancing lessons, and even observe several different middle level classrooms. When I wasn't doing schoolwork or participating in the several excursions that we got to go on, my roommate and I were able to explore Panama together with some friends we made. We were able to spend time in the city, at the beach, and in the mountains as well.

Being able to have time to myself, or with my roommate, was critical to my experience in Panama. Because we were able to go and experience the country on our own, we were able to decide how and when we wanted to experience different sites. We were able to try different restaurants, visit malls, or check out important national landmarks and take our time in doing so. On the other hand, the excursions and school observations that we had scheduled were absolutely perfect. We observed twice per week and were able to help the students with questions they had or even help teach a lesson.

Being involved in another culture and language for over a month was something that I never thought I would experience. This was something that I will remember for a very long time and I am so thankful that I took the opportunity to do so. My professor, Dr. Hurd, was absolutely incredible when it came to coordination and making sure that all of us were having the best experience that we could have. I highly recommend going on the Panama Study Abroad trip!