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A DESIGNED DESTINY

Travel is the thread that manages to weave itself through all aspects of my life. For as long as I can remember, I've had a strong desire to explore the world. Beginning with undergraduate study abroad in Ireland and traveling across Europe I then ended up teaching English in South Korea. Honestly, teaching in South Korea began as a way to travel while making money. I never expected to fall in love with teaching...but it became the most fulfilling job I'd ever had. So I enrolled at Buffalo State to get my degree and certification and jumped at the chance to continue weaving travel into my life by completing my student teaching placement in Siena, Italy. I feel so optimistic and secure now (especially as an international teacher) because, by broadening my focus to the *world*, my options for employment became practically limitless.



I BELIEVED MYSELF TO BE AN OPEN-MINDED RISK TAKER PRIOR TO IPDS, BUT NOW I AM ARMORED WITH EVEN MORE RESILIENCE, PERSPECTIVE & CONFIDENCE...WHEREVER IN THE WORLD I END UP!

CONSTANT SUPPORT

I cannot speak more highly about the ways IPDS changed my life. It opened the door to so many opportunities and continues to do so. I appreciate how involved the leaders are in preparing students for the experience. IPDS offers excellent programming for first-time (and seasoned!) travelers because you never feel alone in the experience. I loved having the chance to connect with professionals from all over the world who teach abroad. They were always one step ahead and I greatly benefited from their insight and wisdom. Being around like-minded individuals gave me so much hope for my future. I use the knowledge and skills I gained abroad in my classroom every day.

