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Description

A presentation to illustrate my work with the Global Leaders of Gettysburg College (GLGC) program at Gettysburg College.

Location

Science Center, 2nd Floor Lobby

Disciplines

International and Area Studies | Leadership Studies | Liberal Studies



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Mentorship

Upon returning to Gettysburg College I was excited to share my knowledge and experiences from my year abroad with other students who were preparing to study abroad themselves. I assisted with Send Offs through the Center for Global Education as well as met with several students getting ready to travel to both Argentina and Spain. It has been very rewarding to share my experiences, answer questions, and give advice to students who will soon be having a life changing experience as I did.



Scholarship

As a Globalization Studies major the majority of my academic work has an international focus. As such I took a variety of global courses when I returned to Gettysburg such as Social Development of Latin America, Hispanic Linguistics Today, Human Rights through an Anthropological Lens, as well as my Globalization Studies Capstone. Through these classes I attended various lectures that focused on global themes as well as incorporated various international topics in my academic work.



Activism

My passion for global issues increased once I came back to Gettysburg and as such I tried to take a more active role engaging the global community upon my return. For example, I shared my abroad experiences by presenting at a Zemi for the Globalization Studies department as well as by presenting at an event with the Center for Global Education for the Alumni Board. I also lead an Immersion Project to Havana, Cuba where we spent ten days studying the health care system, the education system, and the culture of Cuba. I assisted with the creation of a new club on campus called the Refugee Action Committee which was founded to raise awareness of the refugee crisis taking place in the world today. Finally, I participated in the annual Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Day in Harrisburg by speaking to Pennsylvania legislators about rights of immigrants and refugees.

