Global Leaders of Gettysburg College: Wollongong, Australia

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Description
This poster outlines the scholarship, mentorship, and activism I participated in upon my return to Gettysburg College from my semester abroad in Wollongong, Australia.

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Science Center, 2nd Floor Lobby

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Mentorship: As a member of GLGC and an alumni of the University of Wollongong, I have encouraged other Gettysburg students to study abroad in Australia next year. I have also provided traveling tips for both Australia and New Zealand, as well as much-needed packing advice!

Scholarship: I was able to apply my increasingly global perspective to my Global Health class back at Gettysburg. During my time abroad, I learned extensively about how the Australian healthcare systems maintains its position as one of the best in the world for health equity. Additionally, as an artist, I created a series of works capturing the essence of my experience abroad (below).

Activism: Studying abroad in Australia heightened my awareness on social justice issues- specifically I witnessed the plight of Australia’s Aboriginal people firsthand as well as Australia’s attitudes on the Syrian refugee crisis. Back on campus, I had the opportunity to participate in Refugee Rights Awareness Week, during which we raised money for a scholarship fund to send refugee students back to school to complete their degrees.