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How did this experience connect you to Linfield?

I have become more aware of the privilege I have to attend a school that offered me such a great opportunity. It has encouraged me to convince others to take advantage of the opportunity given to us. I have been able to use my platform as a student and immigration assistant to speak about my experience.



Carla Canseco-Maca Senior c/o 2019



Major:
Psychology and Business Management

Job:
Immigration Assistant at Lutheran Community Services NW.

- Extra Curricular Activities:**
- Co-Coordinator of Linfield College Latinos Adelante
 - Study Abroad Ambassador

How has my experience impacted me and my long-term career goals?

I learned to love myself, my roots, to be proud of the color of my skin, and be comfortable standing out in an environment where no one looks like me.

Without the support of my hard-working parents, my dream to be abroad would have not become possible. As immigration laws become more strongly enforced, the number of deportations continues to rise. We often forget about the affected children who often are placed in the foster care system after being torn away from their parents. My experience abroad taught me the value of having a support system. Because of the failure in the immigration system not only are they torn away from their biggest support systems but are ripped away from their dreams. My career goal is to find a solution to stop family separation and help these children in being able to live the American Dream.



Irish friends and me celebrating Rag week.



St. Patrick's Day celebration



Relay for life, held by the Irish Cancer Society



Women's NUIG soccer team

Student Leader Core Competencies:

Leadership Development:

As part of the study abroad ambassadors team, I have been able to use my experience abroad to encourage others to seek out the opportunity to study somewhere and immerse themselves in a new culture.

Social Responsibility:

No matter the amount of free time we had it was always first school work then traveling.

Effective Communication:

My experiences taught me not only the importance of communicating with professors about assignments but also educating my peers about their behavior and response to being in a new culture.

Multicultural Competency:

Traveling to an unfamiliar setting was terrifying and exciting all at once. But the most interesting thing I learned in regards to Ireland was their religious beliefs and their views on ethics.

Collaboration:

I was able to collaborate with other students in the Linfield group to make the experience of being abroad meaningful like joining clubs together and sports. Our biggest collaboration was our relay for life that was held by the Irish Cancer Society.

