

# GORILLAS ABROAD

## 2019



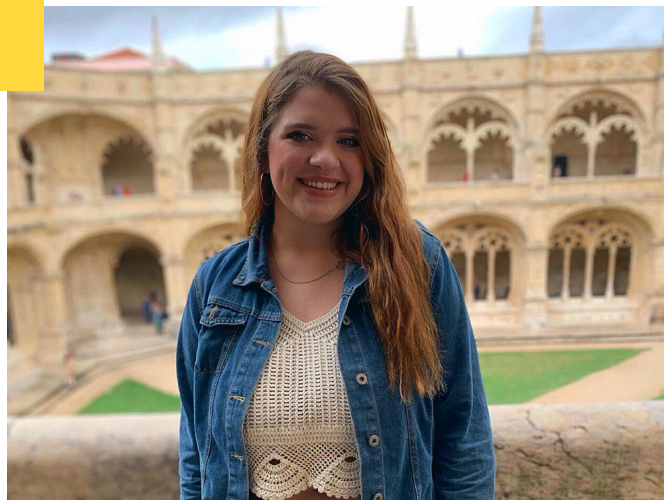
### FROM STUDY ABROAD INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Each year, PSU has wonderful students studying abroad. With this inaugural Study Abroad Newsletter, we'd like to share some of our students' stories. 2019 was a fantastic year with 93 students studying abroad in 15 countries on 5 continents. Studying abroad requires a great deal of independence, motivation, and the ability to step outside of one's comfort zone. These unique experiences are not only fun, but they teach students how to think critically, problem solve, and interact with people who have different opinions and beliefs. Students are able to take classes in their majors, travel, experience new cultures, and make great friends.

Enjoy their stories!

### BREANNA SALAMANCA, SPAIN SEMESTER

*"I have learned so much about the Spanish language and culture here in Salamanca, Spain. I have been to three different countries since being here and all over Spain. I have made unbreakable friendships with people that I never would have met if I had chose to not come here. Not only has this experience helped my Spanish speaking skill, it helped me grow as a person. I am more independent and stronger than I was when I left small town Pittsburg."*



### MORIE IRELAND FACULTY-LED PROGRAM DR. THOMPSON



*"I am truly grateful to have had this opportunity to travel to Ireland. By far my favorite place we visited in Ireland was the Cliffs of Moher; I took plenty of pictures, but they don't do the Cliffs of Moher justice, as they are so entirely beautiful. I can't wait for the next time I travel to Ireland or have the opportunity to travel abroad. As a communication major, I learned so much from their culture and communication that I am able to apply within my life going forward."*



## **ANNABELLA BELIZE FACULTY-LED PROGRAM DR. ZUREK**

*"I met some of the nicest people I have ever and will ever encounter. This trip changed my perspective on so many things in life. We set up basic medical clinics and provided medical care to many people that could typically not afford it, but they more so provided us with some very eye opening experiences. This trip taught me that a language barrier cannot stop joy, love and friendships, happiness is not dependent on the items you own and that laughter is truly universal. The families in Belize were so appreciative of our help and sacrifices to be there, that it made it so entirely worth it."*

## **JIMMY SOUTH KOREA SEMESTER EXCHANGE**

*"My intentions from the get-go were exploring a new country, learning the language and assimilate as much of the culture and the people there...I had the opportunity to also meet the friends whom I met and got very close while they were doing their exchange program here in Pittstate. Overall, the experience was a meaningful and rewarding experience for me and it's recommended if you have the chance to do it yourself..."*



## **RILEY ALBACETE, SPAIN TEACHING EXCHANGE**



*"I'm teaching English as an 'auxiliar de conversación' here in Albacete, Spain for the University of Castilla-La Mancha through an international agreement between the universities. With this program, I work with professors and students at the university to improve English pronunciation, edit documents, provide vocabulary and feedback, give presentations, and also to share American/Midwestern culture!"*





## MADISON IRELAND NURSING SUMMER PROGRAM

*"I went by myself, so it forced me to meet new people from all over the world...I was able to learn the importance of evidenced based practice in nursing. University College Dublin had a summer team that put together a lot of fun events for us to go to during our time in Ireland. Every Wednesday we went on an outing where I learned how to play gaelic sports, made homemade sourdough bread, saw Rapunzel's tower, and so much more! I was nervous traveling so many miles away by myself, but I would do it over again. This was seriously a trip I'll never forget!"*

## LEVI TAIWAN YEAR EXCHANGE

*"I chose to study in Taiwan because during my first two years at Pitt State I met so many kind and friendly international students from Taiwan who welcomed me into their group. I fell in love with the culture and took part in almost all of the Taiwanese student cultural events and I was even a member of the Taiwanese Student Association for two semesters! The best part of living in Taiwan is also the best part of living in each unique part of the world; food!...Being in Taiwan also offers me a wonderful opportunity to not only know Taiwanese culture, but even to be a part of it for a brief while!"*



## ANGELA MOOTS STUDY ABROAD COORDINATOR



Our students studying abroad have wonderful experiences and return home eager to add an international component to their future careers, help with our international students at PSU, or even study abroad again. We are thankful for our faculty members who lead study abroad programs each year that allow our students to have these opportunities. In 2019, we had faculty-led programs to Costa Rica (Modern Languages), Iceland (Geography), Spain (Modern Languages), Belize (Biology), Ireland (History), UK (History), Mexico (Biology), South Korea (Management), and Germany (Plastics Engineering). We have great programs lined up for 2020 as well, and we look forward to hearing more exciting stories from abroad.

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# SUMMER 2020

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### UPCOMING FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

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**Belize** Dr. Dan Zurek June 2-10

**Belgium & Netherlands** Dr. Chris Spera July 28-August 5

**British Isles** Dr. Craig Fuchs May 17-28

**Italy** Dr. Bridgette Fincher, Dr. Kristi Stuck May 18-27

**South Korea** Dr. Choong Lee May 17-30

### SUMMER EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

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### Spanish

**Chile:** Intensive Spanish Language class, 4 weeks beginning mid-June.

**Spain:** choose 2-8 weeks of Spanish language and culture

### Arts & Sciences

**Finland:** Summer School in Human Sciences (education, sports, communication, etc.), May-June

**France:** French Culture or Sport, June

**Ireland:** Irish Studies Summer Program, Dublin, June

**Korea:** Summer School (math, sports, art, communication, etc.), July

### Nursing

**Ireland:** Health Sciences Summer School, June

### Business

**Finland:** Sales, Service, Entrepreneurship, July 27-August 7

**France:** Business programs in Nantes, La Rochelle, or Paris, June-July

**Ireland:** Business Internship Program in Dublin, July

**South Korea:** International Summer School, July

**Taiwan:** Summer Business Camp, July

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