Since high school it had been my dream of studying abroad at least once in my college career. I remember saying to my best friend “I want to study abroad.” I wasn’t sure where I wanted to go but I knew it’d be some somewhere great. I considered going to a Spanish speaking country, but I knew I wasn’t fluent enough to communicate well with the locals. When studying abroad most people study sciences, technologies, or even languages, I had never heard of a program studying criminal justice. This year I went to London for the criminal justice and pre law studies. I got the chance of a lifetime to spend a month in London eating, sleeping and breathing the culture of Londoners. Going to London was an amazing experience learning about the foundations of British law from an American perspective.

Studying abroad was one of my greatest achievements in life by far, I got to experience things that many people 3 times my age would never get to experience. It was so interesting to see the comparison between the different laws and how they conduct their courtrooms versus ours. Almost every day over the course of our month we did so many things, we enjoyed tea on the Thames River, sat in on a trial at Old Bailey Courts, enjoyed the richest chocolate at Cadbury World, saw the Magna Carta and the British Library, and sat through Parliament sessions at Big Ben. Waking up every day was a new experience and journey to take on, the majority of our trip took place in London, however we also got the chance to visit Dover and see the breath taking view of France nearly 20 miles away from the very top of the Dover Castle. We also spent a weekend in Edinburgh, Scotland enjoying some delicious eats, I even got to try Haggis for the first time (haggis is made with sheep’s stomach).

Getting to experience this new adventure has gotten me ready to see what’s in store for my years to come, I have gained a greater passion for traveling the world. Spending a month in London has taught me to be more open minded about things and from this experience I have created lifetime memories and gained greater relationships with my peers and professor.