

2019-2020 Bridge-ing Abroad Ambassadors



Anna Parker '20

- Government-Spanish double major. Studied abroad spring semester in Lima, Peru
- Dealing with loneliness and dissatisfaction while abroad
- Concerning racism and lack of empathy while abroad
- How to stay positive and practice self-care

Alexandra Eleazar '20

- Sociology major. Studied abroad spring semester in Amman, Jordan
- Transitioning to country and cultural expectations
- Living with a host family
- Creating my own community, finding "my people"
- Living in a conservative country
- Managing an independent research project

Jeny Kwon '20

- Economics and Mathematics major. Studied abroad in London for the year.
- Embrace your background: Being a US student of color gives you a unique perspective.
- Speaking up confidently in the classroom.

Lynn Van Wey '20

- Government major. Studied in Geneva, Switzerland for a year.
- Interned at the international NGO Child Rights Connect for the summer and fall semester.
- Living on your own and cooking for yourself for the first time.
- Managing finances / Tips for traveling on a budget.
- Experiencing racism.
- Taking care of yourself mentally while abroad.

Kiev Gambrell '20

- Engineering major. Studied abroad in Paris for the academic year
- Living with a host family
- How to find your independence abroad
- Dealing with the language barrier
- Overcoming racism in a foreign country
- Understanding the Black experience in France
- How to be a traveler and not a tourist

Dana Ragoonanan '20

- Biology Major, Chemistry Minor, pre-med. Spent time in Nicaragua J-term 2017, Ecuador Summer 2017, and Panama J-term 2018
- Studied abroad in South Africa, Spring 2019 on Community Health and Social Policy
- Opportunities to travel without studying abroad
- How the racial dynamics already present in the country affected my experience
- Stepping out of your comfort zone
- Finding internships abroad/Praxis
- Cultural differences and safety abroad
- Transitioning from Smith STEM classes to more humanities based classes