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International Student Highlight: Guilherme Lobo de Carvalho – Brazil



Guilherme and his mentor Taffy

This fall is my first semester at Rider. I have been studying English in the English Language Institute program and my experience so far couldn't be better.

My favorite thing that I've done so far is watching the Eagles play in their stadium.

This is the first time I have ever been away from my family. What I miss the most about Brazil are my family and friends gathering. We used to have Brazilian barbecue and drinks while enjoying a beautiful hot and sunny day by the pool.

Sometimes I miss home, but Rider's faculty, staff and students have made this my second home.

Learn Portuguese!

“Morre lentamente quem não viaja, quem não lê, quem não ouve música e quem não acha graça de si mesmo.” ~ Martha Medeiros

Translation:

Dies slowly he who does not travel, who does not read, who does not listen to music and who does not make fun of himself.



International and study abroad students are invited to submit a testimonial, photos, or videos to be published on our Tumblr account.

Visit us at: <http://ridercie.tumblr.com/>

International Student Mentor Highlight: Anne Marie Swayze

Although I had international friends throughout my career at Rider University, I wasn't sure what being a mentor would be like. I was so excited when I received the name of my mentee and was able to meet him. His name is Francisco, aka Chico, and he hails from Brazil. Immediately, I longed to know all about him, his country, and culture. I knew that I wanted to help him in any way I could, whether it was directing him to a specific place on campus or just being there for him as a friend. I arrange times to have lunch and dinner with many of the international students as much as possible. It is truly a pleasure to be able to sit with them and simply chat about their cultures, countries, classes and interests. Seeing their faces light up when talking about their country of origin is priceless; moreover, one can tell that they are truly proud of the places they originate from.

Not only have I been able to learn about myriad countries and cultures, I have also started to learn some foreign languages with the immense aid of various international students.

Although Chico is my only official one, I feel as though I have numerous mentees throughout campus. If anyone is considering becoming a mentor to these wonderful and diverse students, I urge them to do so. It is an experience that I am so grateful to have and would not change for the world.



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Student Highlight – Chris Werner

At Rider, I was pretty much involved in every possible thing I could be, because I believe we make a difference by the lives we live; for me, that includes studying abroad. I finished my secondary education history placement in Trenton, and only two days later, I was in Barcelona, Spain, completing my special education requirements. I am currently student teaching at The American School of Barcelona, in upper elementary, middle and high school as an inclusion and resource room special educator, serving a population of students ranging from grades five through ten.



I am not only in love with my students and my placement, I have had amazing adventures exploring Barcelona and Eastern Spain, as well as having a unique experience living with four international students from Europe. As a teacher, I have the ability to give back to the students I teach, and that is perhaps the most rewarding moment of all. As a man who has tried everything, studying abroad with my student teaching is by far one of the most memorable challenges!

Study Abroad Events

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| Dec. 6 | Study Abroad Orientation #3
3 to 5 p.m., Fireside Lounge |
| Dec. 10 | Ambassador Thank You Luncheon
12 to 1 p.m., BLC 14 |

Study Abroad Scholarship Fund

In the spirit of giving, help support our students through the Peter Aberger Endowed Fund for International Travel at alumni.rider.edu/giveabeger

Student Teaching Abroad

Rider offers education majors the opportunity to student teach abroad in Spain or Austria. Students may teach at the American School of Barcelona, Gredos San Diego in Alcalá, or the Bilingual International School in Graz. These programs are geared for those teaching at the elementary and secondary level and will be for a total of eight weeks abroad, which will compliment the student's domestic student teaching experience. Students are encouraged to lead extracurricular activities with the school children and take an active role in the local community.

Country Highlight – Brazil



Students interested in studying abroad will find there is plenty to do and see in Brazil.

From relaxing on the beach to experiencing Carnival in Rio, students can enjoy the rich and diverse culture that Brazil has to offer. They can explore the Brazilian Amazon, travel around Latin America, or learn to dance the samba.

Rider offers a study abroad program in Florianópolis, Brazil at the Universidade do Sul de Santa Catarina (UNISUL).

Florianópolis has a total of 42 main beaches, rolling mountains in the Atlantic rainforest, soft white sand dunes, and an array of offshore islands.

Top 10 Reasons to Study Abroad in Brazil

1. Relax on the many gorgeous beaches, most famously Ipanema and Copacabana
2. Travel through Latin America
3. Enjoy the tradition and nationalism for soccer
4. Experience the mixture of influences in Brazilian food
5. Visit the major cities of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo
6. Learn Portuguese
7. Take part in Carnival in Rio
8. Explore the Amazon
9. Learn to dance samba
10. Bask in the tropical weather

