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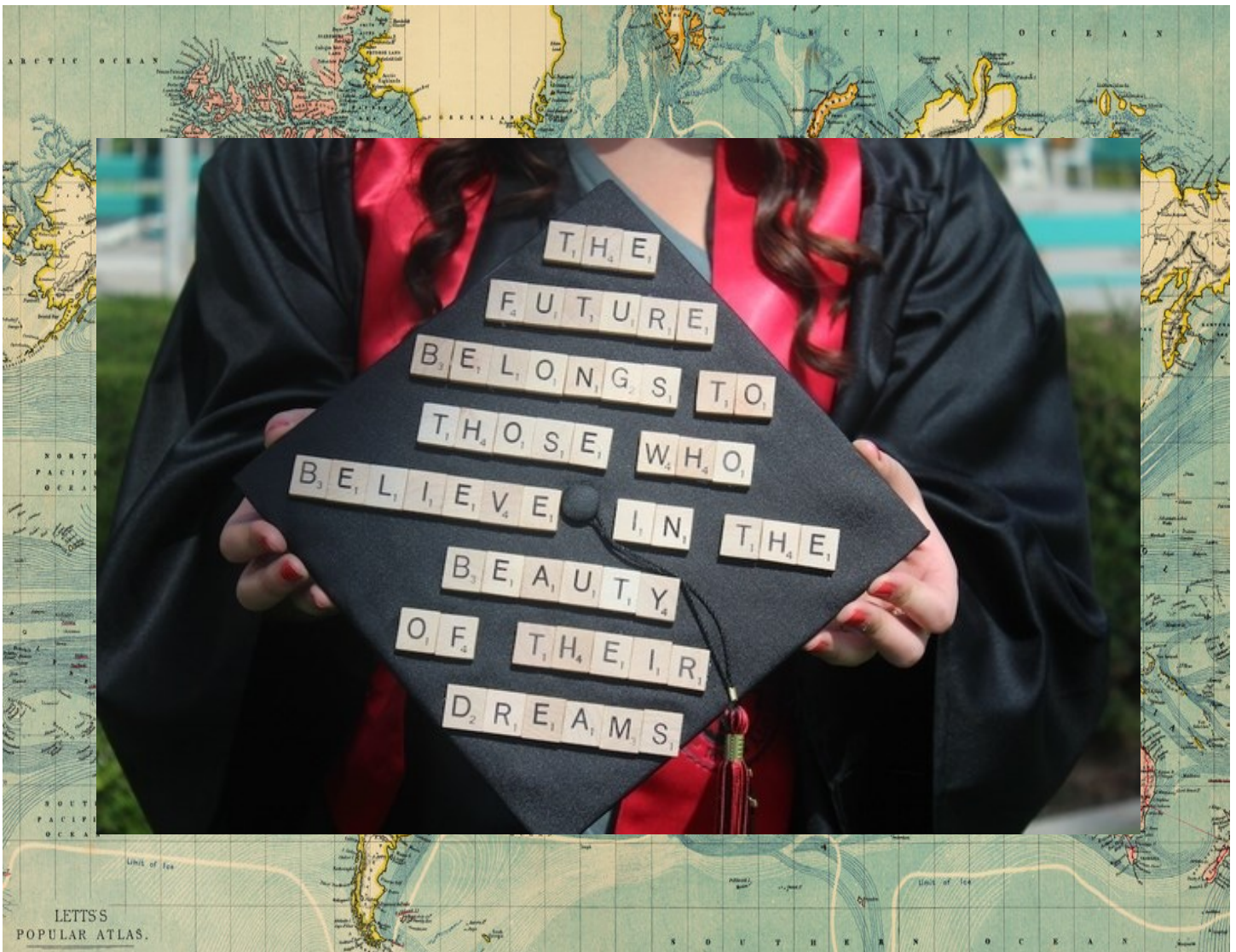


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Congratulations to the Class of 2015!



The Peter Aberger Memorial Endowed Study Abroad Scholarship

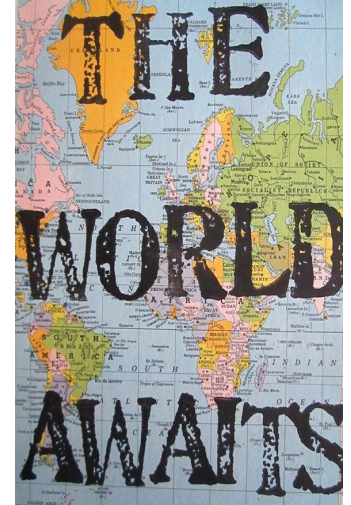
The Peter Aberger Memorial Endowed Study Abroad Scholarship was established to honor the late Dr. Peter Aberger, professor emeritus and Director of the Study Abroad program at Rider University from 1976-2000.

This scholarship will provide need-based scholarships for students who study abroad for a short term program, a semester, or an academic year as part of their Rider education. This scholarship helps prepare students to be global citizens and socially responsible leaders in an increasingly interdependent, diverse and complex world. The Peter Aberger Memorial Endowed Study Abroad Scholarship helps to ensure that the study abroad experience is accessible to all Rider students, regardless of their financial situation.

The Center for International Education at Rider University is reaching out to alumni and friends of the university to help grow the fund to reach endowment level.

For more information about how to contribute to this scholarship, please contact Stephanie Silvestri, Assistant Director for Scholarships, at (609) 896-5344 or ssilvestri@rider.edu.

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Graduate School in Paris

Sean Cackoski

Study Abroad Program: CAPA in London, England

Study Abroad Semester: Spring 2014

Rider Degree: BA in Theater



While at Rider, I was fortunate enough to have two study abroad experiences. First, I went to London and Paris on the 2013 Arts Abroad trip over J-term with Dr. Rife and Dr. Chmel. The following year, I studied abroad in London, England for a semester with the CAPA program. After visiting Paris and London for the first time during Arts Abroad, I felt a strong draw to continue my education in one of those cities. When choosing to go to graduate school, I knew that I wanted to return to or study in Europe. A year later during my semester in London, one of my professors mentioned a graduate school in Paris, L'École Jacques Lecoq, that she thought would be of interest to me. Then, after returning to Rider, one of my professors, Trent Blanton, told me about a workshop he was doing over the summer in the technique of Jacques Lecoq. I decided to read Jacques Lecoq's book, *The Moving Body* and became very interested in Lecoq's acting technique.

As Fall 2014 approached, with the support of my family, friends, and professors, I chose to apply to L'École Jacques Lecoq. I gave myself two options: go to grad school in Paris or, if I did not get accepted, move to New York and start pursuing my career as an actor. After I applied, a lengthy period of waiting went by and I assumed I was not accepted to the school. I began thinking about graduation and the next steps for my future, when I woke up with an email from L'École Jacques Lecoq stating that I had been accepted! It was an incredible surprise and I am so excited to begin my studies there in October. The program is a year long and following the first year, a select few students are invited to continue studying at the school for a second year, after which they will receive a certificate of completion. While at L'École Jacques Lecoq, I will be studying Theatre Performance, creating new work and perfecting my craft.



Sean performing in the play "Metamorphoses" at Rider.

TEACH IN THAILAND

Andrew Dimino

Study Abroad Program: Mahidol University with
GlobaLinks in Salaya, Thailand

Study Abroad Semester: Fall 2013

Rider Degree: BS, Business Administration

“Mai Pben Rai.

*In Thai, this means ‘Do not worry’ or
‘It is going to be okay.’”*



Before embarking on my study abroad experience, I had completed two semesters of Italian and had every desire to study abroad in Rome, Italy. After applying to go abroad, and having many meetings with Assistant Director, Kim Algeo, who has become one of my greatest friends and support networks at Rider, she continued to mention that Italy would probably not be an option for me. I felt let down and frustrated that I had prepared for over a year to study abroad in Rome, and now was advised to reconsider my location. I had no true desire to go to Europe if my home base was not Italy, so I knew I had to explore other options.

I wanted something different- an experience that I would remember and enjoy while being away from Rider, my family and friends, and my home country. This is where Kim came in. She told me of her many experiences teaching in Thailand for two years. I began to be fascinated with the entire idea of Thailand; the beaches, the night life, the culture, the people, the nature, the Buddhism, and, of course, the food. However, my parents were not nearly as fascinated. They worried for my safety and the culture shock of being in a foreign country. After just one month of being in “The Land of a Thousand Smiles,” I fell in love with Thailand and knew I would be spending much more of my life here even after the five months of my study abroad experience. In fact, maybe I would never return.

There is such beauty about waking up each day and never knowing what you will be doing before you go back to sleep. Thursday, I would be riding a moped back from school into the heart of Bangkok to a local produce market and later to engage in the extraordinary nightlife. Friday was spent hiking a mountain with seven tiers of mesmerizing waterfalls. On Saturday, I was petting a tiger and riding an elephant across a river after visiting an authentic Buddhist Temple. Sunday, I would return home with all of my new International friends and visit our favorite soup stand in front of the village. Then on Monday, the entire populous of Thailand banded together to form a revolution and overthrow the Prime Minister in relatively peaceful protests. Tuesday and Wednesday would follow with school and then long walks around Buddhist parks, feeding catfish, and planning our next weekend trip to Viet Nam or Cambodia. Life was so exciting, peaceful, and genuinely a very happy place. The people are so grateful for the very little they have, their smiles were so large that I wondered how they held them with the contagious, emulating energy they carried, and the true collectiveness of the people. A true democracy. I was now obsessed and astounded that such a culture was shared on the same planet as I was born and raised.

When the wheels lifted out of the airplane to land on the runway in the United States, I had no doubts that they would one day land again, but back on the other side of the world. I know I am not finished in Thailand and there is a lot of work to be done for me to give back to a country that has shaped who I am today in every way. In October 2015, I will return as a certified English teacher to help Thai people better themselves in being connected with the Western world. I hope then in the following years I can begin to pursue opening up various businesses, schools, programs, and properties to benefit their economy and their society. I will be taking with me the education from Rider University, my value system from SigEp, and leadership skills through DAARSTOC and Model UN. I will be unpacking these towards the benefit of all I encounter in the next chapter of my life. A direct quote from the Director of the CIE, Sara Young-Singh, “Andrew, you have to define success for yourself, no one else can.” I will also be packing this with me.

When I finally convinced my mom to visit me in Thailand, she looked down at me as we stood on a beach, and she saw how happy I was there. She could not hold me back from chasing my dreams and encouraged me to chase them quickly. My mother’s best saying that I hold close to my heart has always been, “It’s a blessing in disguise, Andrew. You are always supposed to be right where you are.” She is always right.

Mai Pben Rai.



Travel Through Europe



Alex, left, and Brittany, right, in Tuscany while studying abroad in Italy.

Alexandra Gomez & Brittany Spaulding

Study Abroad Program: John Cabot University with API in Rome, Italy

Study Abroad Semester: Fall 2013

Rider Degrees: Alex, BA in Multimedia & Web Design

Brittany, BSBA in Accounting

How was your study abroad experience in Rome?

Alex: Our study abroad experience was one that we could never forget– the people, the sights, the foods, the sounds, the smells. We fell in love with all of it as soon as we stepped off the plane. We made so many friends from all over the world that we are still in touch with.

Brittany: During our time in Rome, we found ourselves completely immersed in the typical, daily Roman life. We both took Italian at John Cabot University to learn the language's basics, and found that the Italians loved when Americans made the effort to speak their language rather than just assuming they spoke English.

Alex: We also took a painting and photography class while we were there and got the most amazing pictures. I took a digital photography class and Brittany took a film photography class. Brittany loved working in the dark room developing her photos, but I preferred taking a million pictures and not having to worry about how many pictures were left on a roll.

Tell us about your upcoming trip abroad.

Alex: For our Euro trip after graduation, we are starting in Rome. We will then travel to Venice to set off on a cruise to various European countries. We will also be going on the cruise with our friend Lauren, whom we met during our study abroad program.

Brittany: The cruise will leave from Venice, Italy and travel to Dubrovnik, Croatia, Athens, Greece, Ephesus, Turkey, and Split, Croatia. We had always talked about visiting Greece during study abroad, but unfortunately, there wasn't enough time to go while the weather was nice, so we are very happy we will have the opportunity to see Greece this time. As for Croatia and Turkey, we have always heard good things and are very excited that these are destinations on the cruise.

What led you to your post-graduation decision?

Brittany: All of our experiences during our time in Rome have led us to our decision to travel after graduation. Originally, we were saying that we didn't think we would return to Rome for a few years because we had spent so much time there. However, when we were talking about going on a Euro trip after graduation, the first place we thought of was Rome.

Alex: Another thing that led us to our decision to travel there again after graduation is that we didn't see everything that we wanted to. We had a great time traveling to the places that we did, but there were definitely more places to cross off our list and just didn't have enough time to go to when we were there. We are so excited for this experience!

New Study Abroad Program in Dubrovnik, Croatia!

Located in Southern Croatia along the Adriatic Sea, Dubrovnik is a picturesque city known primarily for its Old Town, encompassing ancient, Medieval stone walls. Dubrovnik has a cultural mix of history and vibrant city-life. Students will find themselves walking among ancient ruins, admiring pristine beaches, and shopping and dining in the city's famous pedestrianized Stradun, also known as Placa. Dubrovnik is also recognized as the filming set for the popular T.V. series *Game of Thrones*.

Students will attend Dubrovnik International University. Courses at DIU focus on international relations, diplomacy, peace and conflict studies, and international business, and are intimate and immersive in nature.



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