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Student Spotlight: Ian Myre



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Ian Myre, a second semester sophomore majoring in International Business and Political Science in the William Paterson Honors College, is an impressive young man in the pursuit of a career in diplomacy and international relations. He was able to experience a semester abroad at Georgetown University in Washington, DC and take part in the “Capital Semester” program, run by The Fund for American Studies (TFAS). Having previously traveled to Russia in 2007 and 2008, it was easy for Myre to study during the Fall 2010 term in the nation’s capital. “This program showed me exactly what I wanted to do,” Ian remarked, which for him is to hopefully become a Foreign Service agent for the State Department and possibly work in Ireland, Russia, or Georgia.

Through this internship, Myre stated, he met people who helped to map out his future. Myre had worked for an individual who had been in the CIA and was fortunate to meet the Secretary of the Army John McHugh, the Interior Minister of the Republic of Srpska, the former Ambassador to Russia and the Irish Ambassador to the United States.

Everyone around him was able to make suggestions about what to do in order to succeed in their field and their knowledge provided sound guidance to each of the students. He was also able to attend briefings for the State Department and the Federal Reserve. Before the start of the program, the students filled out surveys that helped to narrow their focus and better place the students in the area of their interest.

Myre was quick to recommend this program and encourages students to take advantage of study abroad experiences. Whether someone’s passion involves foreign languages, the arts, or the government, it is important to broaden one’s horizons while they have the opportunity to do so.