

Major: Fashion — Fashion Design

Hometown/country: Sierra Leone

Why did you choose Paris ?

I had heard for a long time that Paris has an excellent fashion culture. I wanted to go there to explore the fashion and the beautiful city.

Housing: We shared apartments with three students. Where I come from, I'm used to living with my sisters, so it was easy to share.

*“Once you tell people,
‘I want to go to France!’
you’ll find people who
support you among your
friends and family.”
— Elizabeth*



Elizabeth in front of Versailles, the palace of the French Louis XIV, the Sun King.

Biggest cultural difference:

I like America because most American people are very nice to me and very accommodating. France is totally different. They just throw their words. You have to know the language and it's harder to get someone to help you because everybody in Paris is busy, so they are less willing to help a visitor.

Most memorable:

Going to the ballet and to the museums and to the flea market. It was really nice for me to see products from Africa. I went to the flea market three times by myself. I also had the chance to talk with people from Senegal, Guinea and Mali and hear their stories.

How were you transformed?

I just wanted to grab the design spirit of Paris. The workshops we did on smocking, Shibori and feathers have helped me to develop new skills. This is a great opportunity to come and learn about fashion in Paris that will enhance your fashion career and life.