

# Shantae

# Rome 2012

Major: Business Administration

# Why did you choose to study in Rome ?

I always wanted to go to Italy, and I couldn't pass up the opportunity to study Theology in the birthplace of Christianity.

#### Academics:

Being able to study Theology in the place where Judaism and Christianity came apart revealed so much to me about my own spirituality and what I believed. I felt absolutely free to ask questions and challenge ideas in a way that I would never have dared in my own church.

*"GO! If you wait for all of the conditions to be right, you will miss out on a lifetime of experience."* 

## Travelling abroad:

The public transportation was easy to use, but I really preferred walking because it's a great way to explore the city.

## The benefits of Study Abroad:

One of the key points in Business Ethics is being able to see different points of view. Studying in Rome really helped me to see things from a different cultural point of view, which will enable me to be an effective problem solver.

#### Volunteering in Rome:

Visibility of the international concept of social justice on an international level helps me to see how to bring those



Shantae in Siena, overlooking the Tuscan countryside, which she was able to explore on the weekend.

concepts home. I will never forget being able to go and hold a gypsy baby that was 10 days old and homeless because the gypsies can't get papers in Italy, and so they are not eligible for benefits. That's where Sant Egidio bridges the gap. All of their work is volunteer.

**Most memorable experience:** Ostia Antica—After we toured the ruins, we had free time and I walked to the end of where the old city wall was, found the site of an ancient bath, took off my coat to lay down in the grass and just soak up the experience.

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