

COMING TO YOU FROM COSTA RICA! SUMMER 2021

Meet Christina, a Fashion Design and Spanish Major with an International Studies Minor, mom of two incredible kiddos, & Gilman Scholar

'If you already know Spanish when going to Latin America, you have a key to many countries. There's a level of community across countries, connected through language.'



 Benjamin A. Gilman
International Scholarship

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Why did you choose Costa Rica?

-I knew I wanted to travel in Latin America and, after the pandemic, there were fewer options available, and Costa Rica was one of the best options. Through the program, I was able to learn so much more about the history & culture of Costa Rica.

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Housing:

-I love my Mama-Tica. She was amazing, very sweet and accommodating. She was always there to answer any questions I had or any concerns and we still talk to this day. I had my own room, but always took advantage of the the opportunity to spend time with the family on the patio and have conversations.

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Academics (Arcos Learning Abroad at International Polytechnic University):

-I took History and Civilization of Latin America, which was more intensive than I was anticipating. It really helped me sharpen my skills. I really liked the class format, which included readings, discussions, and multimedia.

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Biggest Hurdle:

-I have 2 kids, getting the money together, and Covid-19 were all challenges. There were so many setbacks during the time I knew I wanted to study abroad. Even though I didn't get the experience I originally hoped for, it was still a valuable experience. I am so grateful I was able to do it. Making sure my kids had support while I was gone was important, and coordinating with my job, which was very supportive, because I have always communicated my goals to them.

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