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My husband, Rob, and I proudly support the EAP scholarship program at UCSB. We are blessed with the ability to enable students at UC Santa Barbara to study abroad and enjoy an experience I know will enrich their lives forever. Giving to Education Abroad Program feels different than giving elsewhere. You actually help specific individuals and can see exactly where our donations go. Last year we had the pleasure of meeting the students we supported. We revered hearing from them directly about how their travel impacted them and we were able to get a sense of how their experiences will continue to shape them in the years to come. We encourage other alumni and parents to consider giving generously to support other EAP students in the future. Based on my own experience, I can assure you it will be every bit as much a gift to you as to the students you support. 

Welcome to the third edition of our EAP Alumni Scholarship Fund Calendar. It is our hope that you will enjoy the beauty and excitement of some of the world’s most wonderful places. Whenever possible, we will try to ensure that you get a sense of how their experiences will continue to shape them in the years to come. We encourage other alumni and parents to consider giving generously to support other EAP students in the future.

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Religious purposes. Many factors, such as political and social pressures to conform to modern norms, have contributed to the loss of traditional religion and ritual in the past generation. Only recently has solidarity in the community led to a recognition of indigenous traditions and an understanding of the current generation. However, many of the complaints and concerns of these communities remain unaddressed and unacknowledged. I learned a few phrases in the language Mapudungun and, after a few days, I realized that I could stay happily for months living the simple life barely touched by the outside world.

My next stop was to travel with a friend to Easter Island to visit the famous statue polygon on the island halfway between Tahiti and Chile. I found that the Pascuense people there didn’t really identify themselves as Chileans (though they are legally Chileans). The culture on the island is as unique as any on the globe. The rituals are more significant to them than those of any other people on the planet. I found that the Pascuense people were in that small skinny country in the southern part of South America whose culture that even many Chileans haven’t explored. I listened carefully to return to school within the next two years to pursue either a Masters in International Relations or an MBA. Hopefully, I can carve out a good slice of time in the middle of all this to really enjoy, which is travel.
It was late afternoon when I ar-
rived in Beijing and the city's freeways were moderately crowded. Actu-
cably in traffic, I looked around, hop-
ing to catch my first glimpses of the city through the thick summer smog. I could distinguish my building, but I did notice that people riding the crowded buses were all staring and putting me at - all a red light is a fairly nasty sight in Beijing. I felt very uncomfortable and wondered if I had perhaps made a mistake decid-
ing to study in China for a month. Luckily, I quickly adapted to life in China and I now have many friends, are amazing food in alleys with res-
Tina Gately

— Tim Gately

The civil war started a few days
after we arrived. We were taken to
the mountainous and deserted South-
kern. For the next three months
and 2 weeks, I lived in Damascus, Syria. I
had the opportunity to travel a bit in Egypt.

Mollie in front of La Sagrada Família

Enjoying life in the Piazza del Campo,

— Mollie Hailey

Twice a week I learned about the mu-
cis in Italy; ancient and modern, we partic-
ipated in an internship at the
Social Structure in the Middle East. I
the few months in the Middle
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Enjoying life in the Piazza del Campo,
learned the history of the fiesta, ate alpaca and quinoa, and at night was taken in by a sweet old couple, where I to the north of Chile to see “La Fiesta de la Tirana, ” a huge were conducted in Spanish and all of the songs were sung in as a second language, as their native language is Rapanui. the majority of people in this part of “Chile” spoke Spanish cumbia was not a very common dance, but because of the to be returned to school within the next two years to pursue either a Masters in International Relations or an MBA. Hopefully, I a month later, I found myself alone on a 24-hour bus to to return to school within the next two years to pursue either a Masters in International Relations or an MBA. Hopefully, I saw the outside world by bus. As an American, I was greatly by bus. As an American, I was greatly people flocked to the station, and a huge crowd of people outside the doors and com- nicked at the university. UCSB was recently 1984 from UCSB. The civil war started a few days Conexión Armenia SA: 31040 Madrid, Spain. EAP Beirut, 1975

The experience was incredible, not only because of all the students I met, but because of the modern world, hinanismo” (or introducing them to the American way of life) or on the back of our car or bus. As we drove around the city, we met with other students, and we got to know each other better. We learned a lot from one another, and we were able to share our experiences. We were able to understand each other better and become more open-minded and respectful of different cultures. We were able to break down barriers and communicate with each other in a meaningful way.

The experience was overwhelming. There was so much to see and do. We saw different parts of the city, visited museums, and tried different types of food. We also got to know each other better and became more connected as a group. We were able to share our experiences and learn from each other. We were able to grow as individuals and as a group.

Looking back, I am grateful for the opportunities I was able to have during my time in Chile. It was a wonderful experience, and I will always cherish the memories I made there. I hope to return to Chile in the future and continue to learn from the people and culture there.
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EAP Photo Contest Winners! These photos were among the winners in our 2007 EAP photo contest

From the EAP Author
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“I would like to support scholarships because I believe it is important to support the future generation of students as they take advantage of the opportunities to study abroad and broaden their minds. In this way, we can help shape and improve the future of our world.”

Eli and Rob Raeis

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