The Year 2020 opened with an invisible enemy lurking in the distance: who could have imagined? Families were thrust into a raging pandemic with dire and tragic consequences. As a nation, we have struggled to cope with such an unprecedented event; and we continue to witness daily the toll on many segments of our society and the world.

COVID-19 has shown no respect for boundaries, race or religion, and no regard for gender or age. This pandemic has impacted every one of us in so many different and unimaginable ways. However, as we reflect on this, we realize how resilient we are: think about the challenges we faced and how we overcame them; the adjustments we were forced to make; the life-long experiences we gained.

Together, we successfully completed the spring semester; together, we shall overcome the impacts of COVID-19. The future remains bright. For our students, your plans to explore the world, to learn about other cultures, and to learn more about yourself along the way may have been interrupted by the pandemic, but you still have the chance to accomplish your dream.

Center for International Education looks forward to working with you on the hundreds of study abroad opportunities available through the College, and our exchange and affiliate partners for the 2021 spring, summer and fall semester, and beyond. So please do not hesitate to reach out to us anytime at Studyabroad@cofc.edu. Thank you!

A Message from Our Director, Dr. Sobiesuo:

My time at CofC and studying abroad in Honduras, England, and Germany was amazing, getting to discover new places with friends from around the world. It was so fun to get help from all of the CIE staff (especially Melissa who saved me from the mistake of entering the UK through Ireland) while I was studying abroad and then coming back to work with all of them and help other students with their abroad adventures. After graduation I’ll be working at EY as a financial crimes compliance analyst and hopefully ticking more travel destinations off my bucket list!

Working at the CIE was definitely one of the most rewarding experiences of my college career. My favorite thing about the internship was the kind, supportive atmosphere and being able to help students find an experience that was as rewarding as my study abroad. Post graduation I am looking for a career in strategic communication. Hopefully one day I can implement my love of world cultures/experiences and work with some kind of international emphasis.

Being a PA at the Center for International Education has been such an exciting, memorable experience both professionally and personally; not only was I able to help students have an incredible study abroad experience like I did, but I grew close with everyone at the CIE. I am really going to miss the relationships I have built here at the College and being on a campus with students, faculty and staff that make me proud to be a CofC student each and everyday. Because of my two impactful (to say the least) study abroad experiences in Argentina and Chile, I plan to seek out opportunities to further my education abroad after graduation. Thank you so much to everyone at the CIE who taught me so much and became such an valuable part of my college experience!

Congratulations to Our Peer Advisor Spring 2020 Graduates!

Madison Davis, CofC Buenos Aires Program, Spring ’20

Farewell and all the best on your next adventures!
Congratulations to Spring 2020 CofC Graduates Especially Study Abroad Alumni and International Students!

58% of Spring 2020 graduating seniors had at least one international experience.

Meet Our New Peer Advisors!
Starting Fall 2020

I am a Marketing major and Spanish minor at The College, so I wanted to study abroad to help develop my Spanish language skills. I chose Trujillo, Spain because it was a small town where I would feel at home in the community and be able to focus on my studies, but still be able to travel and have fun. My study abroad showed me so much more than a classroom ever has and introduced me to some of my best friends. I decided to become a PA to encourage other students to step out of their comfort zone and go abroad as well!

Meredith Duncan

I’m a senior majoring in International Business with a minor in International Studies. I had my study abroad experience in Fall 2019 in Aix-en-Provence, France, which was a great way for me to practice my French! I treasure the time that I was able to spend there, so I wanted to become a PA in order to help others do the same.

Meredith McNaughton

Staff at the CIE is Available for Your Advising Needs!

- Virtual Advising is available! Whether you have a question about your Spring 2020 program or for those planning study abroad for a future semester, CIE Staff is here to help!

  Email Studyabroad@cofc.edu to set up a Virtual Advising Appointment with one of our advisors!

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