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Honors Post-Enrichment Report

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Studying International Business in Prague

This past semester, the Honors Enrichment Award allowed me to travel to Prague, Czech Republic, to earn my international business certificate at the University of Economics there. While studying International Management, Finance, Marketing, and Elementary Czech, I had the opportunity to interact with students and staff from all over the world and was able to travel to 12 different countries around Europe. I am unable to quantify the doors that the Honors Enrichment Award opened for me, but I will describe it as well as I am able.

All study abroad experiences are meaningful, but it all depends on how much the student devotes themselves to learning about a new country and culture for a full semester. I have wanted to study abroad since I knew what the term meant. I knew that I had to get out there and see the world and create unique experiences within it to gain the most out of my college experience. Because of this, while abroad, I was dedicated to immersing myself within a new culture: trying new foods, learning new modes of transportation, studying a new language. I committed myself to my studies and adapted to a completely different learning environment than that of Colorado State University's. I made new friends, branched out of my comfort zone, and conquered challenges that I did not know I could face. I would not have been able to do any of this without the aid of the Honors Enrichment Award. This award expanded my possibilities and allowed me to soak up every minute of my time in Prague without being plagued by stress or fear

of the debt I would be facing when I returned to Colorado. I was already devoted to making the most out of my semester abroad; this award allowed me to do so with no constraints.

Besides the academic benefits, I also gained skills in networking, problem-solving, and creativity. Networking overseas requires the willingness to look past language differences and cultural barriers and simply talk to people. It is already nerve-wracking to approach someone and speak with them; it is even more terrifying when there are additional challenges associated. I gained confidence in approaching people and explaining my story, an important business skill that it took travelling overseas to learn. There are also numerous problems that come up during any semester abroad: the tram you need is not running one night, you showed up 24 hours early for your flight, or your hostel has bed bugs. Learning to problem-solve and come up with creative solutions to issues that arise is one of the most important hurdles of studying abroad. I gained experience in acting under pressure because of that, I always had a bed to sleep in at night and a plane ticket home, which is a feat in 12 weeks of travel. These are lifelong skills that will contribute to my education and career in various ways.

My fall semester in the Czech Republic was engaging and enriching on a personal and academic level. Not only did I gain the credits I needed to earn my International Business Certificate, a unique accomplishment that helps me stand out from my peers in the search for a future career, but I also gained important skills that I can adapt to use throughout every day life. Thank you for providing me with this opportunity and positively impacting my life in a tremendous way.



The Astronomical Clock (*orloj*) in Old Town Square, Prague



On my last day of classes in Prague at the University of Economics!

The famous Charles Bridge (*Karlův most*) that crosses the Vltava River in Prague

