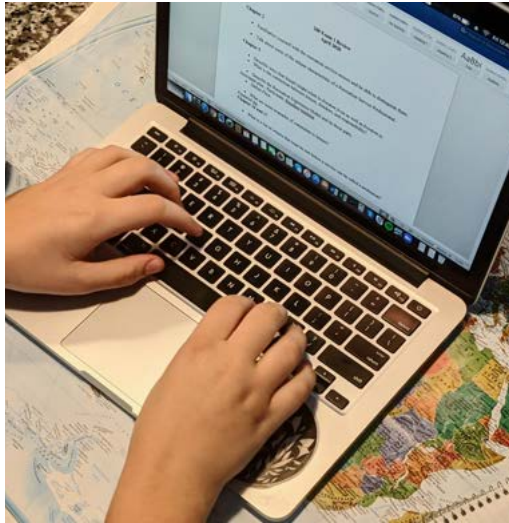


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STUDY/WORK ABROAD ONLINE!

Did you want to study or intern abroad, but had to change plans because of the pandemic? Do you want to, but don't think you can because of time or financial issues? While in-person study abroad and internship opportunities remain on hold, many study abroad companies and programs are providing exciting new virtual opportunities! This is a chance for you to gain international experience, continue education, and gain career experience in light of COVID-19! To learn more, visit the WWU Education Abroad website! Link is below:
<https://studyabroad.wvu.edu/virtualremote-domestic-options>



A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello!

I am very happy to be publishing the first Global Ambassadors newsletter! The purpose of this newsletter is to provide an organized source of all sorts of material related to travel, studying abroad, and global citizenship. My hope is that this newsletter will help answer some questions, help you find interesting events, and learn something new each month!

If you would like to advertise your club, write an article about something you are passionate about, or otherwise contribute in anyway, please send me an e-mail! We would love to have you aboard!

I hope you enjoy this first edition of the Globetrotter. We hope to see you at a Global Ambassadors event soon!

Safe travels,

Jeremy Caldeira

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SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

BY ELLIE POTTS

The month of October is Sustainability Awareness Month in higher education! So you may wonder, as a Global Ambassador, why does sustainability matter, and how can you promote it?

Think about some of the most beautiful places you have traveled to. Think of the scenery, environment, communities, and the land those people depend upon to welcome you as a tourist in a safe, healthy, and accommodating way. Now think of the places you want to go. There is more you can do than just *hope* that these places will stay lively and vivid, the water clean, the air pure, and your hosts healthy; you can act sustainably.

Living sustainably is more than just buying stainless steel straws and reusable water bottle and plastic bags. (Which those things are amazing, keep it up!) But it is also about daily actions; voting with your dollar, carpooling, using public transit, and researching the companies and businesses you chose to tour with. A few Google searches and some readings on sustainability before travel will not only enhance your travel knowledge, safety, efficiency and spending, but can also make you a global leader in combatting climate change and supporting communities across the world.

Resources: <https://tinyurl.com/y4uvtfjc>, <https://sustainabletravel.org/>, <https://tinyurl.com/y5z82bh8>, <https://tinyurl.com/y6jaksg5>, <https://tinyurl.com/y6xg8tpk>, <https://tinyurl.com/y2nyc25r>



OFFICER SPOTLIGHT-- NICOLE CROOK

My name's Nicole Crook, and I am originally from Renton, Washington! I am a super senior (woohoo!!). I have a major in international business with minors in political science and Arabic and Islamic studies.

I studied abroad in Meknes, Morocco with International Studies Abroad (ISA). My favorite part was spending a weekend camping in the Sahara desert. We danced SO much, rode camels, and sand boarded. I miss all the people I met there. I had an awesome host family, ISA staff, and friends there. I can't wait to see them again one day.

My favorite part about Global Ambassadors is creating a space for students to share about their experiences abroad, in whatever capacity, and letting that inspire others to do the same. I [am glad to have] created such an internationally focused community.



JEREMY'S BUCKET LIST-- BEAUTIFUL NEW ZEALAND

To me, there is nothing better than hiking through the mountains, with unbounded views at my back. We live in an amazing part of the country to experience that, but I've always wanted to see what the rest of the world has to offer in that department. That is why **New Zealand** is near the top of my bucket list. On the South Island, the **Southern Alps**, crowned by 12000 foot **Aoraki**, loom large over a landscape dotted with pristine glacial lakes and dense forest. This makes for a delightful atmosphere to explore to your heart's delight. If that isn't daring enough for you, New Zealand offers more extreme sports at overall reasonable rates, such as **white-water rafting**, **skydiving**, and **hang-gliding**. If the outdoors isn't your forte, New Zealand's cities are unique and quirky, each with a distinct flavor to them. **Wellington**, the capital on the North Island, is described as magical, yet eclectic. **Queenstown** is feisty and outdoorsy. **Christchurch** is vibrant and funky. **Auckland**, New Zealand's largest, has a typical big city feel. Even **Hobbiton** is in reach for LOTR fans. New Zealand has much to offer for everyone, and I hope to get to explore it soon.

Study Abroad Programs

<https://www-sa.terradotta.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ProgramDiscovery&search=New%20Zealand>



MEET AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT -- AMIR SHAHZAD

I am Amir Shahzad. I identify myself as a male and use He/Him pronouns. I am originally from Kasur, Pakistan and continuing in my sophomore year at Western. I love Biology, Chemistry, and the environment along with the outdoors e.g., hiking, walking, exploring nature, shoot that's why I am a Bellinghamster. Dreams came true, I love road trips and movie nights (Popcorn). Mountains calling. I am an outdoor buddy for pretty much everyone. Let's play soccer and volleyball, oh I like workouts. CRICKET, I MISS YOU. I am very excited to be the chair of ISA, and I can't wait to bring the Global Perspective to Western through our amazing international student body on campus. I love this and I love Western.

Photo: Amir (right) and his roommate Jason at Artist Point



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

This photo was taken at the top of Mt. Pico, the tallest mountain in Portugal. It is located in a chain of islands called the Azores, located in the middle of the Atlantic ocean. The hike is 8 hours of steep trekking through loose volcanic rock, but the endless views at the top make it all worthwhile. Looking over the clouds, one can see 5 different islands in the archipelago, and at this point there is nothing but endless azure Atlantic waters behind you and Antarctica to the south...

If you would like to have your photo featured as photo of the month, please send your photo with a caption up to 100 words to caldeij@wwu.edu



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IMPORTANT DATES

October 15th:

Deadline for Winter/Spring Semester Study Abroad/Internships
See WWU EdAbroad Website for more

October 27th:

International Meet and Greet (4-5 pm)
A night to meet and make friends with Western's international students! Learn more about another country from the source! More details TBD

November 17th:

Critical Language Scholarship Due
"The Critical Language Scholarship is a summer study abroad program for students to learn languages essential to America's engagement with the world. There are 15 languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Portuguese! Learn more at <https://clscholarship.org/>

Other Upcoming Events in NOV

Graduate Schools & Fellowship Talk
Come learn from WWU faculty about post-graduate opportunities, both at home and abroad! Also, learn about the wide variety of fellowships that can pay for your post-undergrad education!