The Education Enrichment Award increased my experience while abroad in many ways. I spent last semester studying in Italy and traveling around Europe. I was on a tight budget but because of the Education Enrichment Award, I was less hesitant to visit many of the sights I had only dreamed of seeing since I took AP European History my senior year of high school. I set aside money from the Education Enrichment award to visit places like the Palace of Versailles, where Louis XIV distracted French nobility while he became one of the most powerful monarchs in France’s history; Dachau, where the lives and journeys of many victims are memorialized at the concentration camp outside of Munich; and the Prague Castle, where I got to see the actual window the two catholic regents were thrown out of at the start of the Thirty Years War. These were some of my favorite memories while abroad but each one costed a fair amount of money in either transportation or entrance fees. Without receiving this award, I do not know if I would have been able to experience these places full of tangible history that filled me with the memories and knowledge that will last my lifetime.

This award overall gave me the opportunity to not merely skim the surface of the cities I visited but to dive deeper into their history and culture. This was the best learning opportunity I ever could have experienced. For this reason, I am undoubtedly grateful to have received the Education Enrichment Award. Thank you Honors Office for choosing to give me this scholarship.