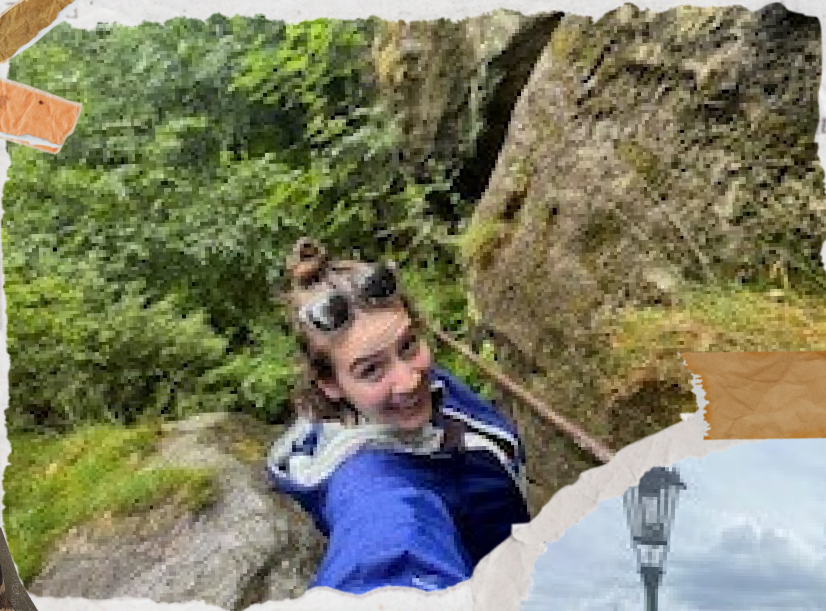


My Past & Future Scrapbook



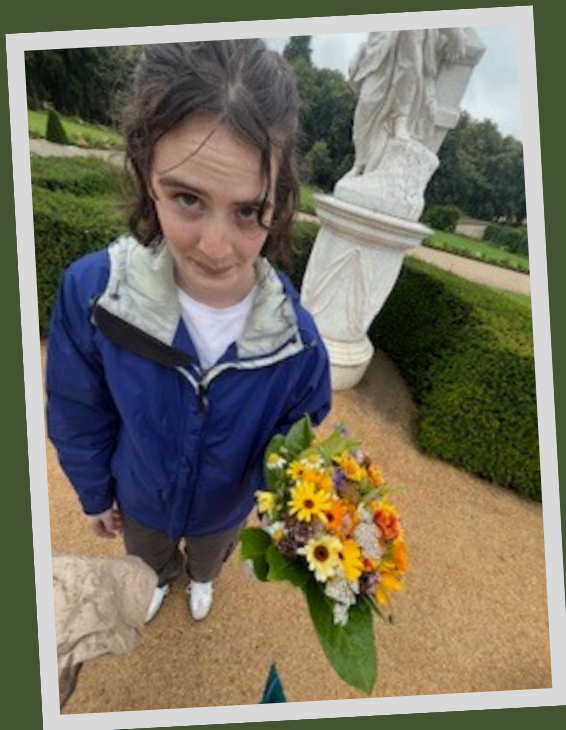
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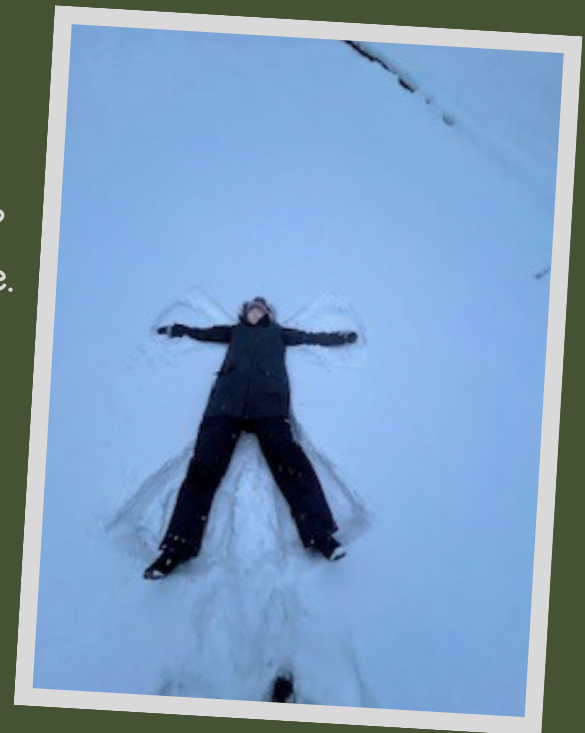
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the moment you decide
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As I begin my preparation to live abroad for a semester, I want to reflect on the experiences that shaped me into the person I am today as well as the experiences I hope to gain while in New Zealand.



Each couple of slides provides an insight into parts of my current life. The other slides represent the opportunities study abroad will provide me with!





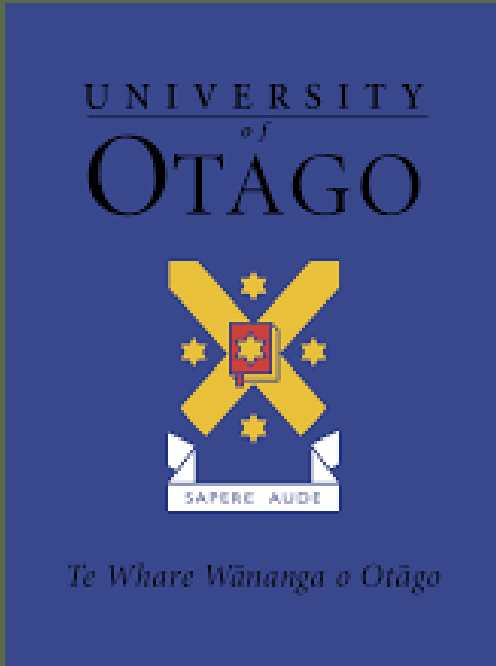
Fun fact: I'm the
VP/co-founder of
the Bingo Club
on campus!



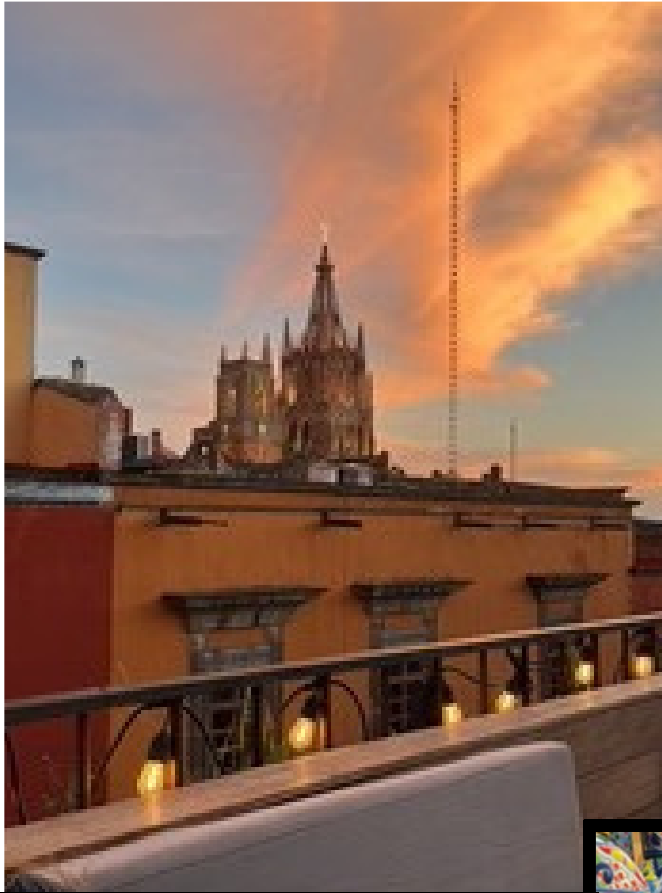
I'm currently an Exercise
Science major on the pre-
physical therapy track at
Eastern Michigan University.
I live on campus with all of
my friends. Also, I'm a
tutor and a mentor for my
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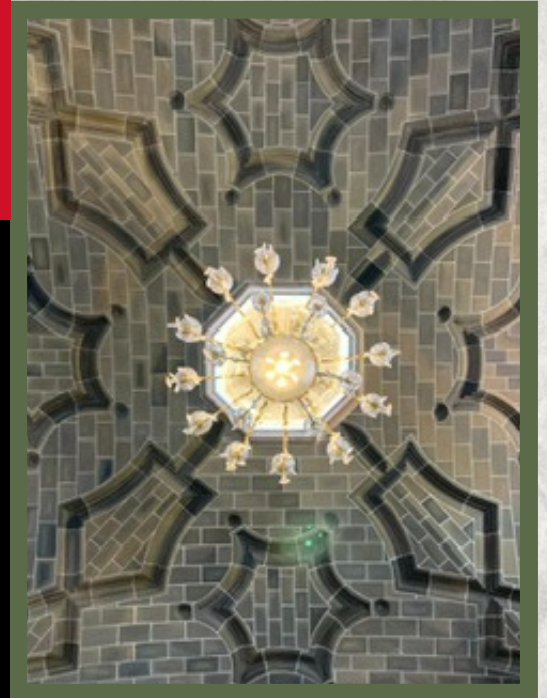
I've heard I need to be prepared for any type of weather at anytime because it can change at the drop of a dime!



Next semester, I'll be attending the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. I plan to stay in a flat with other international students. The school has a huge international Pacific Island population. Since I'll know nobody, I'm excited to meet new people and learn about the new cultures!

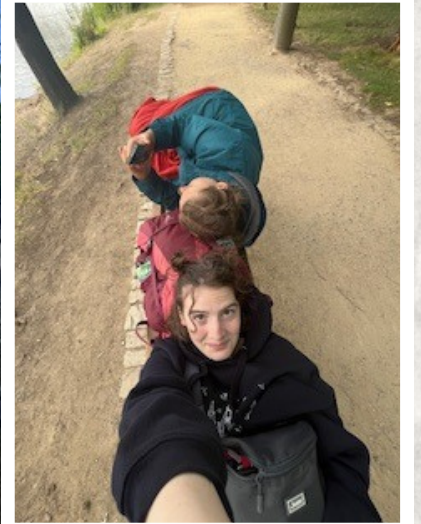


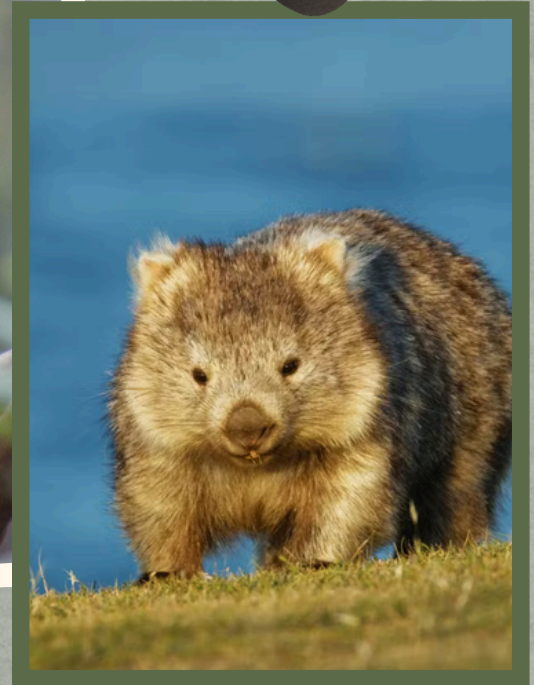
In the summer of 2023, I traveled on a global service trip to Guanajuato, Mexico. We took fully Spanish-immersed classes while also exploring and learning about the history of the city. One of my favorite parts was the peer to peer experience where we were paired up with students from Guanajuato. Many hand gestures were used to communicate but it was extremely fun to connect with people my age across a boarder!



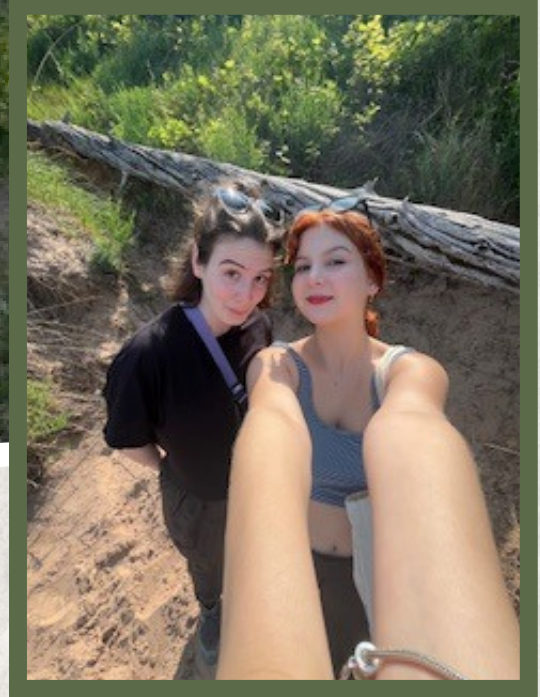
My best friend, Paula, was born and raised in Berlin. She did a foreign exchange program in high school where I met her! We have monthly calls where we give life updates. This recent summer I traveled to Germany! We traveled all over Germany including Munich, Berlin, Potsdam and Königstein while also taking a day trip to Prague. We had many laughs and many cries,

especially when we were caught in a thunder and lightening storm on top of a mountain! Also, the bread selection is unmatched!





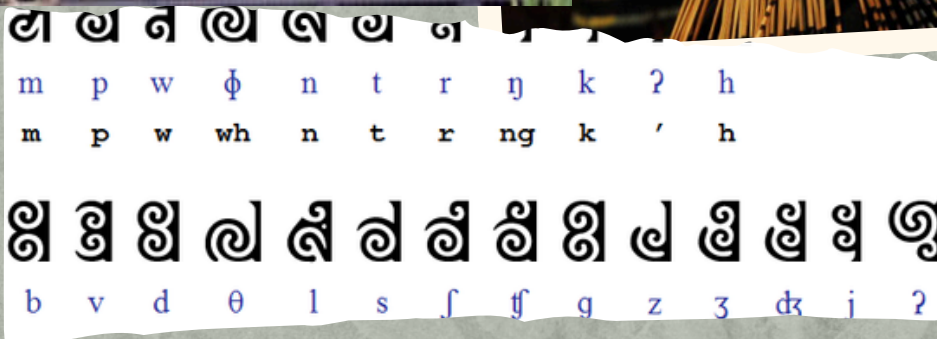
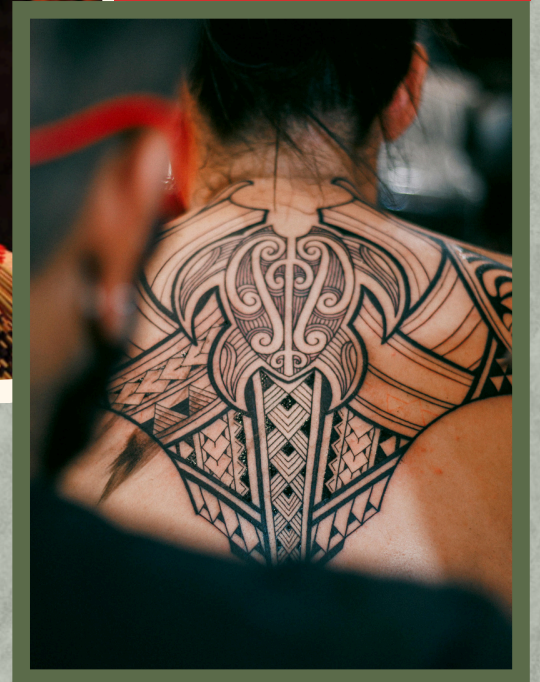
Over fall break, I hope to go to Australia. Although the spiders terrify me, there's too many things I want see that the fear can't keep me away. Quokkas are too smiley to avoid! I want to see the Sydney Opera House as well as scuba dive to see the Great Barrier Reef. Additionally, the penguin parade, where you witness penguins return from see to their nests, on Phillip Island is a must do.

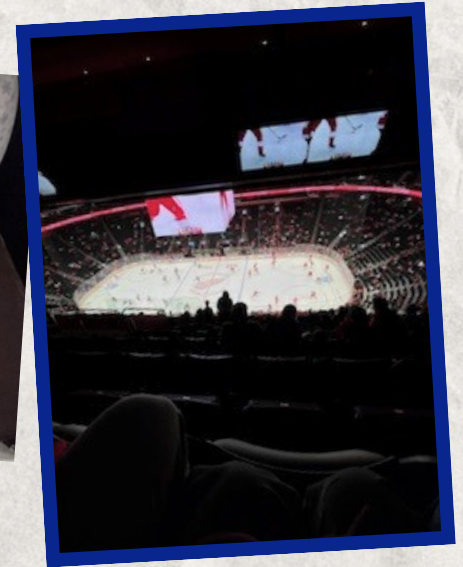


In the summer, I work at a chocolate and gelato shop alongside some international workers. My boss decided to renovate a house so that we could host a few international students over the summer. Who used to be coworkers quickly became good friends. I've gotten the chance to meet people from China, Columbia, Venezuela, Japan, and Russia in the matter of two years. I cherish the times we get to share traditions and learn about all of the differences between our cultures!

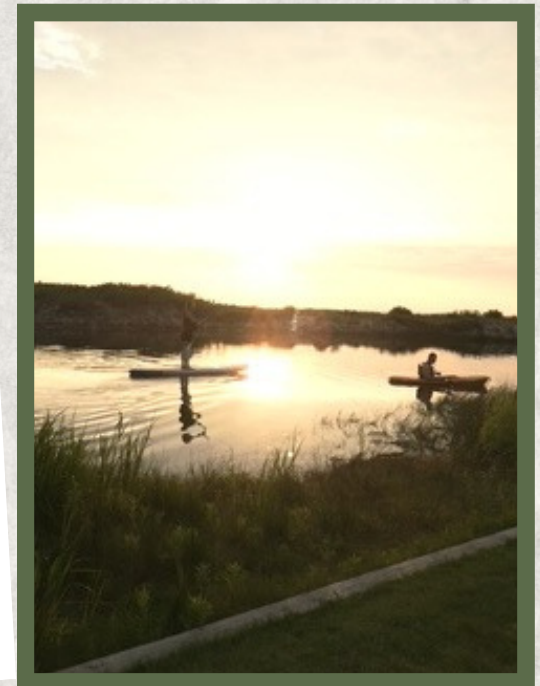
New Zealand has a rich history of different indigenous peoples. I hope to partake in cultural events and opportunities to learn about these people, especially the Māori people. Considering I don't have much knowledge in the history of this region of the world, I plan to take a course dedicated to the history of New Zealand.

Fun Fact: I also plan on taking an intro course in conversational Māori and a performing arts class for Haka

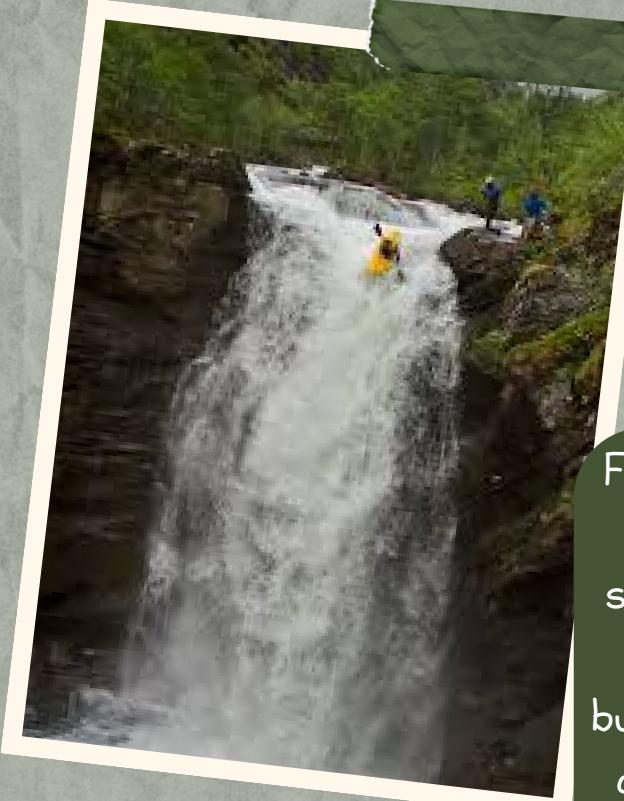
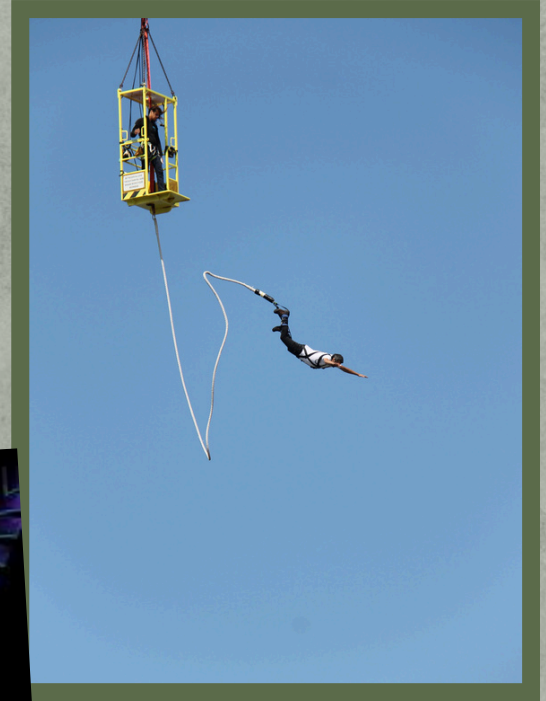




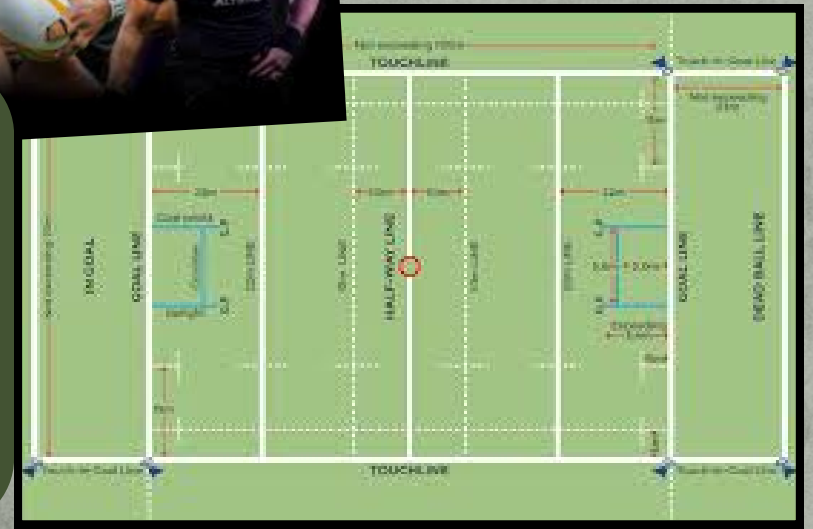
I've always been into movement and exercise, which explains my major. I rowed in high school, and I run, lift weights, and kayak in my free time. Physical exercise has always been an area of discipline and motivation but also a way to keep mental peace and happiness. I find moving my body helps my mind concentrate on what's important in life!



Now, I don't know a lick about Rugby but I sure plan to change that! Rugby is huge in New Zealand, and it happens that a pro team, the Highlanders, are based in Dunedin. I plan to go to at least 3 games while abroad, who knows maybe I'll learn to play with some friends. On top of that, I've kayaked all my life but have never learned to whitewater kayak. There's a club on campus, the Otago University Canoes Club, that will teach people how to whitewater kayak. I hope to get involved!



Fun Fact: During orientation, students get to participate in bungee jumping in a valley over a river!





Hiking is my favorite hobby! My earliest memories consists of trails and beaches along Lake Michigan. I grew up next door to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore which made me appreciate nature and the land we stay on.

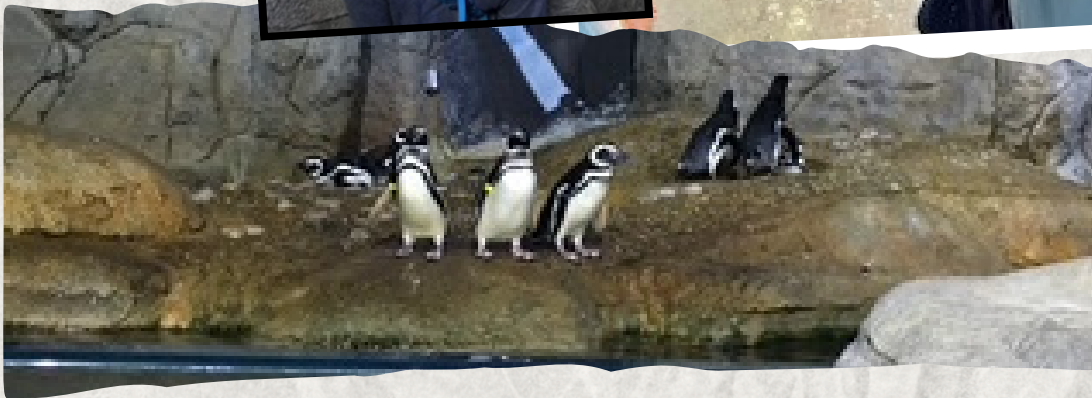
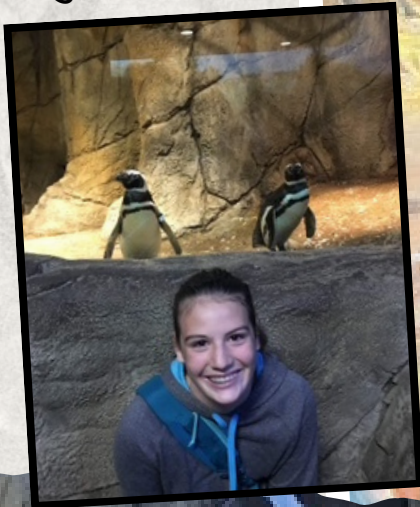


Isthmus Peak, Mt Cook, Tiromoana Bush Track, Kaka Point, and Nugget Point Lighthouse are all on a list of about 20 hikes I plan to summit. New Zealand is known for their Fiords and Mountain ranges which I hope to extensively explore.

There's a tramping club at my home university that plans multi-day trips which I plan to go on!



I've been obsessed with penguins for most of my entire life. Every time my family visited a new city, we'd go to the aquarium to see the same types of penguins. They've always been an area of happiness and joy for me, enough so that for a long time I wanted to be a penguin researcher in Antarctica!



Fun Fact: My 18th birthday present was the opportunity to feed about 30 Magellanic penguins!





I changed my major from Biology to Exercise Science, basically giving up the idea of becoming a penguin researcher. But the dream to see every penguin species in a natural habitat has never faded. When looking at study abroad programs, a heavy

emphasis for me was if there were penguins. Every place that has penguins would be a new place to me with a new language and/or culture. It happened to be that New Zealand has six penguin species during the semester I'm there: Little, Fiordland, Yellow-Eyed, Southern Rockhopper, Erect-Crested, and Snare penguins.

Fun Fact: There's a beach 20 minutes away from campus on foot where you can watch Little

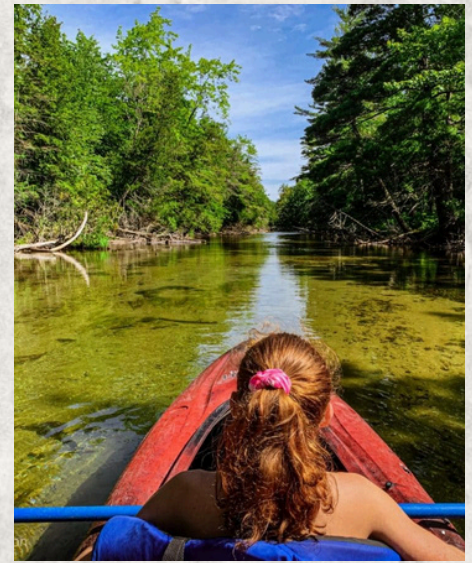
penguins return to their nests from a long day at sea!





Since I grew up next door to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, it only made sense to get involved in protecting that land. I've been a volunteer for the lakeshore for over 5 years alongside my family. While hiking the trails, we pick up trash as well as report any damage or concerns.

I also adopted a river which means I keep track of littering, river height, and safety on it. I've always appreciated our national parks so giving back to them while utilizing them seems like the right thing to do!





The OPERA

Otago Peninsula Eco
Restoration Alliance



While abroad, I won't be by any national parks but I will be surrounded by many conservation or restoration efforts. For example, the OPERA helps nurse numerous penguins back to health as well as help protect their nests and water. I plan to get involved with organizations like the OPERA so that my time is partially spent giving back to the land and animals that we share it with!



In closing, every day that I'm stressed about planning this semester abroad, I think about that little girl in me who only wanted to be with penguins. If she'd known I'd get the chance to spend 4 months with those flightless birds, she'd cry happy tears. I hope this trip reminds me to find happiness in the simplicity of life. Being on my own and exploring what New Zealand has to offer can help me to learn what I value most. I'll be challenged in more ways than I can think but in the end, I know I'll make it through with loads of memories!

