

And the Winners Are...

Congratulations to the winners of the 2009 photo/video/essay contests.

Host Country's Cultural and Scenic Beauty:

- 1st Place: Allison Rusell
- 2nd Place: Anne Maguire
- 3rd Place: Caitlin Gorman



Intercultural Learning Showcase

This year's Intercultural Learning Showcase was a great opportunity for future study abroad participants to hear more about their upcoming experiences abroad. Returnees including, Krista Jones, Mariam Masri, Sarah Gunn, and Claire Yancy shared stories of their experiences from Uganda, Lebanon, London, and Rome, respectively.

Saint Mary's is dedicated to international education for its students and this Showcase allowed the opportunity

to learn more about CWIL Travel Grants to aid in the funding of study abroad. The grants can be used for certain programs, are a percentage of the total cost, and based on financial need of the student. Visit <http://centerforwomeninleadership.org/global-education/intercultural-learning-grants> for more information on CWIL Travel Grants.

Many of the study abroad returnees participated in the photo, video, and essay

The Saint Mary's Experience:

- 1st Place: Allison Rusell *bottom right
- 2nd Place: Megan McCowry
- 3rd Place: Megan McCowry

Interaction with the People:

- 1st Place: Christina Grasso *middle left
- 2nd Place: Christina Grasso
- 3rd Place: Krista Jones

Video Contest:

- 1st Place: Chelsea Crane
- 2nd: Place: Megan McCowry

Essay Contest:

- 1st Place: Megan Aldrup
- 2nd Place: Caroline Arness

Excerpt from 1st Place Essay Contest Winner, Megan Aldrup

I spent a lot of time in my kitchen. Before I cooked for myself every day, I didn't realize just how long it takes for an oven to preheat or a pot of water to boil. I realized that when a meal took 10 minutes to cook, it really meant I would be in the kitchen for over half an hour, preparing, cooking, eating, and washing up. I realized that adding milk too early to a cup of tea made it taste awful, so I had to be patient while it steeped. I often took a full hour for my dinner, not wanting to rush. If there's one thing the Irish taught me, it's to take my time. We Americans have a saying that time is money, but my experience abroad taught me that time is life.



contests, which were presented during the Intercultural Learning Showcase. They were all wonderful representations of the study abroad experience. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to our presenters and those who came and listened!

