

2009 Study Abroad Photo/Video/Essay Contest



Each year CWIL sponsors a photo, video, and essay contest for students who were abroad the previous year. There are multiple categories for the photo contest such as: host country's cultural and scenic beauty, reflection of the Saint Mary's

experience abroad, and interaction with people in their host country.

First prize is \$25, second prize is \$15, and third prize is \$10.

The prizes for the video and essay contest are \$50 for first prize,

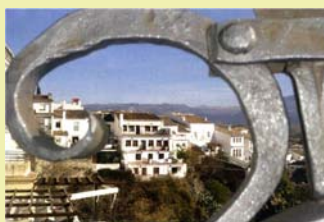
\$30 for second prize, and \$10 for third prize.

This year's deadline is October 5th by 5pm to Pam Blair.

Please email her at pblair@saintmarys.edu for further questions or to submit the essay. Video and photos need to be on a cd with photos also printed off. The winners will have their stories, photos, and videos used by CWIL to share information about the programs.



Cultural Differences



Just as there were situations while you were abroad that made you stop and think about your own culture, there will be times now that you are back that will make you realize you're not abroad anymore. For example, you may

have been ten hours ahead and woke up when people in the US are going to sleep. You may have taken classes in another

language and have to get used to using English again. Or it may be a difference in foods that you became accustomed to. Be aware of these "re-encounters" with your own culture and embrace

them—use them as a relearning experience to reflect on what you have just lived through. If you are facing issues readjusting to SMC life or being in the US again, stop by—we always like to talk. :-)



Upcoming Dates to Know

- **New Program: 2010 El Salvador Immersion Spring Break Program Info Session (pending approval): 5:30pm, Sep. 29th, 134 Spes Unica**
- **Fall 2009 Study Abroad Scholarships Workshop: 5-6pm, Sep. 29th, 145 Spes Unica Hall**
- **2009 Grant Reflection Paper due October 1st to Alice Yang**
- **Submissions to photo/video/essay contest due October 5th to Pam Blair**
- **International Education Week November 16th-20th**
- **Intercultural Learning Showcase November 16th**

Skype it Up! Have friends in your host country that you want to talk to? Use Skype as a free way to talk besides just on facebook. It allows you to see and hear the other person. What are you waiting for? Go to skype.com today!

