



CBS Adventures Abroad

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Why should CBS students go abroad?

CBS students are a unique community that will need to form bonds and connections with people outside of the country. There are a lot of interesting ecological sites and organismal communities that only form on an area abroad. Therefore, making connections with people from that specific area who are also studying them opens a door for us to pursue our scientific endeavor.

How did you connect with the local community?

Care and respect are really the key to connecting with the local community. I was truly curious about their good stories, so I was willing to learn about the culture of the local community.

What was your most memorable experience?

When we were eating our meal together before we left our volunteering site in Bocas del Toro, a wandering singer came over and performed for us. His voice was so touching that I could almost feel his joy. On that beautiful March afternoon in a small town in Panama, I started to understand and appreciate another way of living.

Student Scoop

Major: Microbiology

Describe your experience in 5 words:

Global citizenship, community, humbleness, leadership



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