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I absolutely loved the IPDS Siena Student Teaching program and highly recommend it to anyone interested in teaching abroad. I learned so much about myself and the world. The program is a lot of work and will push you outside of your comfort zone, but it will by far be the best time of your life!



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<https://buffalostateipdsstudentteaching.weebly.com/mccartney>

DEVELOPMENT

Traveling to Siena affected me **personally** by helping me to realize how much I really can handle. I developed a newfound confidence and belief that it is OK to branch out and try new things.

My experience abroad helped me **professionally** in that, as an educator, I understand how big the world really is and how much we can learn from our students and colleagues. Working in the school so was rewarding. I learned how important it is to make learning fun - there is more to teaching than PowerPoints and worksheets! Learning starts in the hands. I made lifelong relationships and memories. It was exciting to hear new stories and points of view. Everyone was extremely welcoming.



FAVORITE MEMORIES

- Living with a host family and getting to know them every night at dinner.
- Spending each day exploring new places.
- Making friendships with my Buffalo State cohort.



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