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## EDUCATOR

Spending time at the International School of Siena was a joy in itself. I want to become the best teacher and believe the way to achieve this is by traveling and seeing how other countries teach. I learned so much from my mentor teacher and was able to see a new style of teaching. My mentor created a space for students to express themselves. On the days when I felt like I wasn't doing enough in the classroom, she reassured me that showing up each day was everything, and being available for them to share their lives is important. Putting yourself out "there" and learning from others is critical for becoming a great educator. I realized through this journey that I want to become an international teacher and continue traveling the world.



## EXPLORER

I met so many great people and immersed myself in the culture as much as I could. My favorite memories were spending time with my host family, celebrating their special moments and traveling near Siena together. My experiences abroad showed me that embracing risk and enduring discomfort can strengthen character. And through my challenges, I matured and developed a deeper understanding of myself. I gained courage and even the confidence to extend my trip to travel solo through Europe!

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