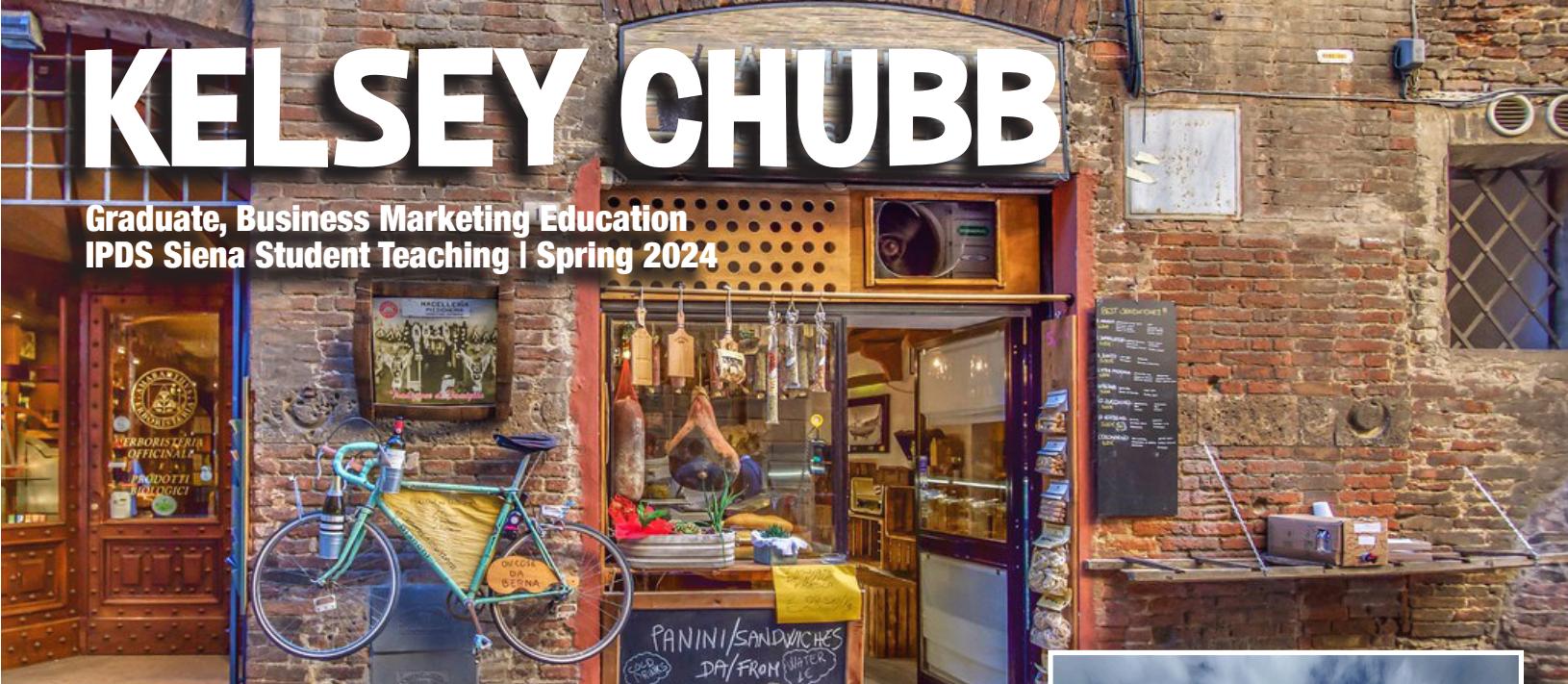


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EMBRACING QUESTIONS

IPDS aligned perfectly with my interests and inspired me to enrich my personal experience as a future educator. I enjoyed the atmosphere at IS Siena; I could work with students at all age levels and get to know the teachers. The inquiry-based curriculum was so different from what I knew. The students were not afraid to ask questions or state their opinions and I facilitated a lot of discussion-based lessons, which flowed freely with the students' interests. I didn't always have the answers to student questions but learned quickly that teaching is not about knowing all the answers. We are more successful by gaining respect from students through building relationships. It was a positive learning environment. I was grateful to be part of such a student-led classroom.



EMBRACING CHANGE

So much of my time was spent with my hosts and the other girls in my cohort who became like family. When things got overwhelming, we had each other to lean on. I connected deeply with different people, from my host family to international teachers and students, despite having different languages and life experiences. I believe I came home having experienced great personal growth. In Italy I became more confident at having dealt with uncomfortable situations; more flexible at having adapted to different classes; and a better problem solver for having to navigate solutions when trains were canceled, buses were missed, and things did not go as planned.



Favorite Memories...

- Dancing with my cohort at my host's Contrada party
- Cooking class in Florence making ravioli and tiramisu
- Cheering on my host sister at her volleyball game
- Sunset boat tour in Cinque Terre
- Enjoying an after-school Aperol spritz apertivo overlooking Piazza del Campo

