

Report for the Spirit of Life Charitable Foundation Scholarship

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Summary of the Experience:

Starting off the week arriving to Harlaxton Manor was unbelievable. Being able to greet many faces from new ones to old ones as we explored the massive manor. Harlaxton Manor usually has about 140 to 150 people in the Manor but unfortunately due to Covid, the Manor had about 42 people. However, it was still a meaningful experience. We had multiple meetings throughout the week of what to expect throughout the semester. From having a lecture about typical Britain day to day life to having a lecture regarding how to stay safe while traveling abroad, the entire experience was informational. After our first few days, to end our welcome week, we had a convocation where we were able to dress up and have an amazing dinner. At this dinner, we were sorted into our “houses”, the same concept as Harry Potter houses! I became House Captain and was extremely happy with this position. Throughout the semester, we would have house competitions ranging from athletics to knowledge. Unfortunately, my house came in second, but it was still an amazing experience.

During our regular school weeks of having class from Monday to Wednesday, I would attend a few nursing classes related to public health and leadership skills along with taking a British history and literature class. Within these classes, I learned a lot about British history and read many different novels written in the UK. These classes proved to be somewhat difficult due to the heavy workload of having to write numerous papers, but I still benefited from the classes. It was interesting to travel within the UK and the next day in class, our professor would talk about that same location. I enjoyed being able to physically go to the locations that was talked about in our class and put into perspective the events that went on at those locations. From week to week, the amazing kitchen crew would make us amazing British meals. However, many of us would be home sick so they would try their hand at American meals as well! Throughout the semester I traveled to about 6 different countries and had the most amazing time. Some of these locations, I went with my fellow nursing peers and created an even stronger bond with them.

Learning Achievements: Being in a British Studies History and Literature class has expanded my knowledge within the British culture. The different form of art style within literature was a big defining factor that took me by surprise. From modernism to romanticism, it was interesting to learn how impactful it made literature today. I did one paper about how romanticism has so many elements within the concept and it’s a constant spiral going into itself because of how extensive the topic is. You can look at romanticism as a carefree, spiritual, and lighthearted art style but when compared to modernism, they are drastically different. Another paper I wrote was

solely focused on Jane Austen and her impact on feminism. This paper made me so enticed with Jane Austen that I had to purchase one of her novels, *Sense and Sensibility*, in the very own Chatsworth House! Austen's impact on feminism proved futile since it shaped our future and even was satirical towards men back in the old ages. Apart from the History and Literature of Britain, I learned many different nursing things within the program. For example, their issue with vaccination is quite similar to ours since there does tend to be anti-vaxxers as well within the UK. I also learned a lot about their differences in hospice programs and how more uplifting it is. Our hospice program is widely different since you stay in the hospice center until you die but, in the UK, you only show up about once a week or more just to have a place to be with others similar to your condition. The UK hospice center also offers better programs and aids in family relief. I was also completely shocked with the hospice programs we went to are completely charity based and not state funded. From all of their equipment, it was surprising how they make all of their money from donations.

Program Strengths: There were multiple strengths from this program, a major strength being the price to attend the Manor. I also enjoyed how amazing all the staff was. They were all so kind and took time out of their day to talk to us and make us feel at home. I'll never forget the hospitality from the cleaning crew and the kitchen staff! Another strength towards this program was the leniency on traveling, just how easy it was to travel and not have classes on every day of the week that would impede us from traveling. A final strength would be living in the beautiful manor but also feeling safe 24/7.

Program Shortcomings: There were very minor shortcomings, some that didn't affect me at all. It was upsetting that the nursing majors had to live in a separate location as the other students in the Manor because we felt isolated, and this caused more tension within the nursing program since we are all together 24/7 already. The manor had enough rooms for nursing majors to live in there as well, so it was upsetting to feel left out. Another shortcoming would be the departure time and the entire checkout process. It seemed like it didn't make sense when we had to stay up for 24 hours straight and get kicked out of rooms at an odd time, only for us to all gather in the cafeteria area or hide in some of the classrooms. Then we had to depart the manor at 2 am but all of our flights were at 8 am or later, making us all have to force to stay awake for no reason.

Impact: This program has honestly made me into a better person, and I am so grateful for this experience. I've become more independent and trusting in my own skills. I've learned in life what is important to me and what isn't. This program has also shown me how different but similar nursing is and honestly makes me want to become a nurse in the UK. There are different certifications however when you're a nurse in the US rather than in the UK. For example, in the US we are able to draw blood and perform certain skills but, in the UK, you need a higher care provider to perform those skills. The different benefits of living in the UK such as the free healthcare and cheap living situations makes it an appealing offer to move. Overall, I had the

best experience of my life. It seems this experience was a dream, but it wasn't and I'm so glad I can hold these memories near to my heart for the rest of my life.

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