What did you learn from your time abroad?
I gained a better understanding of my own culture by comparing and contrasting the culture of Dublin with that of the United States. Even though Dublin and the United States are some of the most closely related cultures (Dublin is very Americanized relative to the rest of Ireland), I still could pick out a ton of differences, and having never done anything like that before (beyond the realm of a textbook and discussion in class) it was quite the incredible experience.

What was your most memorable experience?
I think most memorable experience from this trip was walking through Dublin with another classmate to the East Docks of Dublin as he experienced being on the shore of an ocean for the first time. Lucky for him, he got to see the Irish Sea as his first! We ended up walking 17 miles in one day, thinking that our apartments were just around the next corner.

What advice do you have for CBS students looking to study abroad?
If you think you can’t possible study abroad because you won’t be able to graduate in time, consider the option of studying abroad for a May Term or for a Summer! (or look at summer classes, it’s worth it!)

Why should CBS students go abroad?
I think studying abroad and immersing oneself in a different culture helps one to analysis his or her own culture and to gain a new perspective on life, or at least start to understand how much else is out there.