CBS Adventures Abroad

Emily Schommer // Costa Rica

What did you learn or gain from your time abroad?
I was able to practice my Spanish skills, learned more about a different culture than my own and made some new friends! Studying abroad exposed me to a lot of new experiences and inspired me to travel more!

What about the program appealed to you the most?
The fact that the trip was over spring break was really appealing to me! This enabled me to fit a study abroad experience into my busy academic schedule. Also, it was more affordable than studying abroad for an entire semester. A short trip over spring break was exactly what I was looking for!

Did you have a host family? If so, what was it like?
Yes, I did have a host family! My host family was an older couple that had two daughters that were out of the house. My roommate and I were able to meet their grandson during our trip. Our host family only spoke Spanish to us even though they could understand English. This was a good opportunity to practice Spanish! My roommate and I sometimes tried to only speak in Spanish when it was just the two of us. Our host mom made delicious meals for us and they were both very kind! I enjoyed my time with our host family.

Student Scoop

Major: Genetics, Cell Biology and Development and Pharmacology

On why CBS students should study abroad:
Every student deserves the chance to study abroad! Don’t let a difficult major or busy schedule hold you back from experiencing an international adventure! By studying abroad, CBS students can learn more about this world and be able to better answer the questions of “why?” they want to enter the medical field or scientific world.