

Kelli Barr

Finding a passion to work with others through international education

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“What impacted my study abroad experience the most was learning to respect other peoples’ choices regardless of my own personal opinion.”

While studying abroad, Kelli Barr learned to respect individuals and their choices on a deeper level regardless of her opinion. Living in Ireland, Kelli learned the value of people to people relationships and made the most out of her time by planning ahead, visiting other areas of Ireland, and even volunteering at a horse farm.

Upon her return, she was offered a job working as the Orientation Assistant for the Community College Initiative program (CCI) at Scottsdale Community College in Scottsdale, Arizona. CCI is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by Northern Virginia Community College on behalf of the Community College Consortium. She worked with students from ten different countries around the world and helped orient them to the United States during a five-week orientation process. She then accepted a job as a part-time Administrative Assistant in the Center for Civic and Global Engagement at SCC. Kelli helps assist in special events on campus, creates displays, performs clerical duties, and supports the international students while encouraging Americans to study abroad any chance she gets.

- ★ Studied in Athlone, Ireland for four weeks
- ★ Increased intercultural communication skills and global awareness while abroad
- ★ Pursuing a career in International Education
- ★ Completed a Culinary Certificate in Commercial Bakery & Pastry Arts at Scottsdale Community College; currently pursuing a Business Certificate at Mesa Community College



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