“Being abroad helped me connect with myself at a deeper level [and with] what I am interested in and how I want to apply practices and innovations to my own communities.”

While abroad, Christal studied human rights in Argentina and Chile. In both countries, she lived with local families, eating homemade meals and discussing current events. As social movements emerged during her stay, Christal learned about the dictatorships of the late 20th century and witnessed how a nation’s history continues through cultural memory. The experience helped her further value her native Spanish language: She learned more about how to apply it professionally in the context of human rights.

Christal plans to pursue graduate school to study anthropology, with a focus on the human right to education.

- Connected family history in Mexico to customs and traditions in Argentina and Chile
- Learned human rights discourse in Spanish
- Gained multicultural skills and awareness