

Featured Westover: Alex Boatwright

Alex is a sophomore Nursing major from Fredericksburg, Virginia. On campus, she is a goalie for the Varsity Field Hockey team and a representative for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Alex also serves on the Westover Executive Board as the mentorship co-chair. When shes not busy with school, she enjoys hiking, kayaking and spending time outdoors.

After she graduates, Alex plans to work as a nurse at a teaching hospital to gain experience before pursuing her goals of becoming a nurse practitioner. When asked why she chose to major in nursing, Alex says that she "absolutely loves helping people" in whatever capacity they need. She explains that through nursing, she will be able to help patients physically as well as connect with them on a deeper level.

Alex states that she chose to become a member of the Westover Honors College because she wanted a college education to challenge her to work past her own percieved limits

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Summer in the Balkans

This past summer a group of 27 students boarded a plane with packed bags and open excitement. 9 hours later they stepped off in Zagreb, Croatia to begin their month long study abroad in the beautiful countries of Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro, and Slovenia. Led by Dr. DeClair, Dr, Lipani and Dr. Burke, these students had the opportunity to do everything from explore the downtown streets of Zagreb, to swim in the Adriatic off the coast of Hvar, Croatia, to play paintball in Slovenia. When asked to describe his thoughts on the trip, Dr. DeClair says,

The former Yugoslavia is a stunningly beautiful collection of sovereign nation-states with gorgeous coastal areas that hug nearly all the Adriatic Ocean, as well as mountainous regions that provide vertiginous views across myriad valleys and streams. With Roman ruins and natural wonders, as well as classic Hapsburg and Ottoman-era architecture, we were continually shocked by all that there was to see during our journey. As a group, we bonded on a 4-hour white-water rafting trip that took us through some treacherous rapids where we, in our individual groups of 8, had to work together to make sure we didn't end up swimming in the frigid waters of the Neretva River, which is said to be the coldest river in the world. Our journey introduced us to man-made as well as natural wonders that defy description, but it was the treacherous history and volatile politics of the Balkans that perhaps left the greatest impression.

Students got both English and Westover Colloquium credits as they learned about the "human cost" of war, genocide and the suffering of innocents that took place during the Balkan wars. Westover Junior, Nick Munsey, explains how the trip did more than just open his eyes to more of Eastern Europe's history, but also emphasized the importance of educating ourselves to help avoid a repition of such dark times in history.

Cultural Events

-Connie Fox Exhibit
Daura Gallery
-AORE Challenge
(details on moodle)
-Music and refreshments
at Daura Gallery
4PM Sep 13
-The Stock Market Game
Program
110 Schewell Hall
4:30PM Sep 19

