

*The FRONTIERS program is a life-changing experience. It is a great example of education through the American point of view.*

*Ippokratis Angelidis, Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

*One of the best things at Brenau University was the classes; it was actually fun attending these lessons. We could learn new techniques and have fun as well. The people were all lovely, including teachers and students, and the fact that we had the OPPORTUNITY to meet new people and have lifelong friends was one of the best things about the program.*

*Georgia Chasapi, Brenau University*

*I am extremely grateful for being able to attend this program because it was a lifetime experience that taught me some really great things. It wasn't just about gaining knowledge, it was learning about who I am.*

*Marianna Dimitrakopoulou, Brenau University*

*As I am now thinking of the program, my memories come alive. My friends from Ecuador, from Venezuela, all the crazy, AWESOME, college Americans willing to help us adjust during the first days, then I reminisce the first day, our first ride in one of the blue university vans, the counselors... the fascinating landscape, the red-brick buildings, the colorful flowerbeds, the smell of grass, the Grove, the 'Walk of the Champions', the Student Union, the noisy hallways of our dorm, Hefley Hall, teaming up with the girls and some boys hanging out in the lobby! The amazing parties, the riverboat cruise on the Mississippi River... So many memories; each one with its special uniqueness... Oh, but how could I forget the classes? I took Law and Logic; D-I-V-I-N-E. Classes at a real college level with college credit, as well as experience of college life! It was certainly worthwhile! My professors, the atmosphere they managed to create during class, a spirit of cooperation and exchange of thoughts; it definitely was a meeting point of cultures.*

*Nefeli Douma, Summer College – University of Mississippi*

*We learned about occupational therapy, speech language pathology, pharmacy, athletic training, physical therapy, and nursing. The last two days we "shadowed" doctors at Mercy Hospital in varied departments: same day surgery, radiology, rehabilitation center, and endoscopy. We spent time with the patients and the doctors. I went to surgery and got to see an eye muscle surgery which was really cool.*

*Olga Michail, Duquesne University*

*The program fulfilled my expectations. It offered me the opportunity to take part in medicine related research, to learn about biology and collaborate with very interesting people. In general, my dream of studying medicine obtained flesh and bones through this summer program. I attended the program with a question haunting my mind: "Is this really what I want to study and do in the future?" and I realized on the journey back home that the answer to the question is yes!*

*Constantine Tarabanis, Harvard Medical Lab*

*I learned a lot about Alonissos' culture, especially after interviewing locals. It gave me another perspective of the impact an environmental project such as the marine park can have on people. I definitely recommend this to students, first and foremost, because it involves volunteer work which everyone should do at least once – It really feels great to give. Second, because I think it widens one's horizon to be around village people, hear their point of view on things, and listen to wonderful stories. Their kindness and hospitality goes without saying.*

*Domniki Georgopoulou, MOM Alonissos*

*I worked as an intern with two professors and a graduate student at Tufts University Department of Medical Optics and Regenerative Biology. I worked on two projects: recognizing and circling specific cells from pictures taken with a confocal microscope and examining tail regeneration in tadpoles! It was an amazing experience, from which I got so much valuable knowledge and insight in the field of regenerative medicine!*

*Venetia Karamitsou, Tufts University*

*It was definitely one of the best experiences of my life. The acting teachers wanted to strip us of bad acting habits, following Meisner's technique. Our daily schedule involved dance or movement, speech, voice, acting, and theoretical classes, such as drama retrospective, theater appreciation, and stage craft. After dinner and on Saturdays we had workshops (such as directing, monologues, stage combat), and on Sundays we went to New York City and saw shows (7 shows in total). This program was like a 'boot-camp' for actors.*

*Ourania Primeraki, Rutgers Summer Conservatory for Actors*

*Pace University was a thrilling experience because you attended very interesting "lessons," received a taste of what it's like to study in the US, and learned to be responsible for yourself – all while living in the greatest city in the world. We completed an incredible amount of work, with the guidance of university professors (without neglecting the fun side of the program). We met many kids from around the US and we had so much fun with them. Each of us had chosen a specific major which they followed and did research. We were given assignments, which turned out to be really fun. We also went on some great fieldtrips depending on each major we had chosen.*

*Konstantinos Reppas, Pace University*

*We were divided into 5 groups. My group was sponsored by KRAFT – OSCAR MAYER. We were supposedly hired by Oscar Mayer to develop a product. We decided to launch a new series of sandwiches, called Kickin' Cuisine. Our megatrend was Health And Wellness, thus our products had to follow a healthy diet. We had to consider of the packaging, the cost, the taste, the nutrition facts, the promotion, which are pretty much everything involving a product to be launched.*

*Maria Kalogeroudi, University of Illinois*

*One of the best things about the program was that each of us worked on the project with his own personal mentor. Another thing that I liked is the fact that there were many trips arranged for us, during which we learned many things and had lots of fun. My favorite experience was canoeing down the Mississippi river.*

*Theodoros Rizos, St. Cloud University, Scientific Discovery Program*

*Not once did I ever get bored, it was a marvelous experience for me, to get to know a different way of living, to understand the culture of America, and this program certainly helped me in order to fit in. It was very fun and interesting, and if I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't have changed a thing.*

*Alex Venieris, Hobart and William Smith Colleges*

*The professors were really interested in their projects and helped you learn anything that you had to. They were always there for any questions and they gave me the idea of how they would with college students. The classes were interesting and the food in the university's cafeteria was great!*

*Lazaros Marios Konstantinos Chalkias, St. Cloud University-Scientific Discovery Program*

*Firespark! Is a program, which aims to light the fire of students' interests. The program emphasizes Fine Arts (Music, Theater, Dance) and students have the opportunity to expand and work on their personal skills and talents, but also to make good friendships, which will last for a long time, since the students of the program share common interests.*

*Nikolas Stagkos, Brenau University*

*Best things: Forces you to socialize, gives you the experience of competition and co-operation, great organization, friendly teachers. Worst things: only 2 weeks and the distance between the U.S. And Greece*

*John Gkikas, Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

*Operation Catapult provides students with the opportunity for group living in a campus setting and for exploring fundamental scientific and engineering principles and systems. Catapulters have the chance to go to college, meet students from across the US and the world, attend lectures by faculty and company executives, and set up and run experiments. Projects that can range from constructing a small-scale hovercraft to programming a video-game. During the program, students are exposed to engineering and applied science and have to conduct experiments, collect, analyze and interpret data, work with others, write reports and give oral presentations, while having a great time.*

*Spiros Baltasavias, Rose Hulman Institute of Technology-Operation Catapult*

*There are many good things I could list about this program; however the best thing I can think of is that the academic program was simply EXCELLENT. Not only there was a great variety of choices (from airspace engineering to biochemistry) but also each and every lesson succeeded to each goal which was the students to acquire as much information as possible in 2 weeks.*

*Evangelos Gkogkos, Worcester Polytechnic Institute*

I would strongly urge all Anatolia students to get involved with the Summer Abroad Programs. There is nothing that compares to them! They offer a unique, exciting, and rich learning experience that will benefit students in many ways and will have a positive impact on the rest of their academic and personal lives. Spending a summer in the U.S. means so many different things, ranging from intense knowledge and skill acquisition, a rich cultural experience, a crash course in becoming a well-mannered and goal-oriented teenager, an opportunity to make new and dedicated international friends and, well, just simply putting it... a lot of fun! Being a chaperone for one of the summer abroad programs that took place during the month of July at University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi this year, I believe that the summer abroad programs are one of the best things that Anatolia has to offer its student body and that we are lucky as a school to have such a spectacular program running. The two programs offered by University of Mississippi (Summer College for lyceum students and Summer Academy for gymnasium students) are truly academically demanding and exciting programs in which students can choose to sign up for a number of different courses according to their goals, learning styles and preferences like Creative Writing, Geography, Pre-Law, Pre-Med, Engineering, Art, Intensive English, etc. The program is really well organized and the campus and its facilities are a dream! I would highly recommend this program, not only for students who plan to study abroad but for any Anatolian who values learning.

*Dr. Haido Samara, Assistant Dean of B' Gymnasium  
Chaperone, University of Mississippi*