

TESTIMONIALS



As a host for the UWI students at FSU, I loved showing them my university and why I love it so much. We're involved in similar things so it was great to share ideas and to learn from each other as established leaders on our respective campuses.

Being a UWI student for a week has certainly made me fall in love with Jamaica. Of the many things I have learned and experienced, I am astounded by the hospitality we have received since the second we stepped foot off the plane. I truly had a wonderful week here filled with new cultural experiences and days of joy and laughter with the best friends who hosted us whom we would have not met if not for this program. My deepest most sincere "thank you" for giving us an experience of a lifetime.

Micah Biana

As a host I learned the importance of embracing different cultural views and aspects rather than only viewing my own. I always tried to compare and contrast cultural views in order to gain a better understanding.

As a hostee I learned that there is not much of a difference among people besides the way they speak and what they eat. Much of the parts of Jamaica and things that I witnessed were very similar to things in America. I actually learned to have an open mind with no expectations.

Yasmen Battle

As a person of West Indian descent, I have always had a deep interest in the region's history and culture. Gaining a historical background on Jamaica through the Beyond Border's course and pairing my knowledge with the cultural immersion experience provided me with great insight and appreciation of its history, while cultivating friendships with the hospitable students of the University of the West Indies. The hospitality by the staff and students surpassed my expectations and it goes without saying that I highly recommend Beyond Borders to any student who values cultural awareness, and cultivating friendships with students abroad!

Inka Pierre

Our visit to UWI was such a meaningful experience for me as a higher education professional. The opportunity to exchange ideas about campus programming while also learning more about the history and culture of Jamaica was invaluable!

Tiona Cage

My Beyond Borders experience has been enriching to the work that I do and the way that I view university life, both at home and in Jamaica. As a Housing Professional, learning how another country runs their Housing process was quite fun- find the parallels, as well as the opposites- and that all the Halls have made us feel so at home. While only a week, the stay here in Jamaica

might make some homesick if not for the warm welcome we've received at each hall that has hosted and entertained us. I'm continually impressed with the caliber of the talent of the residents and the staff here at UWI. The trips around the country- Port Royale, the Blue Mountains, the various museums- all nicely showcase the rich history of the island; while we've studied the history in our class all semester, the history really comes alive when seeing it, walking it, hearing it, & feeling it. I value the connections I've made with the staff, and I appreciate all the hard work (long hours, weekends, and time out of the office) that they've put into the trip to ensure we have the best and most holistically educational experience possible. FSUWI love!

Kendra Bumpus