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## MAGIS EXCHANGE: MY STORY



It had been almost 3 years since I finished my Magis Exchange Program, and yet, nothing has changed me so profoundly and significantly. Every time I get asked what the Magis exchange program meant to me, I express the same: It was a turning point in my life.



Before the exchange, I had never had the opportunity to travel outside of North America, and the first big gift this program gave me was not only to know, but to live in one foreign country I would never imagine would carve so deeply into my heart. Until this day and forever, Spain will have a unique and special place in my life.



But not only was the experience generous in bringing me to my second home: Bilbao, but it also gave me the best friendships I've ever had. In the exchange I met my best friend, Lara, who is from Brazil. Still after the exchange our friendship grew so much, she has come to visit me in Mexico and soon I will meet her in Brazil. We know that finding each other was God's plan because how else do you explain meeting your best friend on the other side of the world?



Also, the exchange offered me a new vision of the world. In pair with the Global Citizenship Course, I got to develop a critical vision, questioning, and becoming more curious about the processes that shape our world. I also got to explore and learn from other methodologies of teaching and learning, and course classes that my home university did not have, thus adding more knowledge and resources to my professional profile. Finally, I got to experience and meet God wherever I travelled, in whomever I met. Confirming that he is everywhere, we just must take a deep look into our surroundings.

