

Student Comments: International Media Seminar (Paris)

2006

"All of the speakers gave me new perspectives on media that I had never considered...this trip will easily remain one of my fondest memories of NU."

"An incredible trip...the week flew by and was absolutely fascinating...Each speaker generated thoughtful perspectives and initiated interesting discussion..."

"Retain the exceptional caliber of speakers. What a line-up!"

"The speakers were really good. The two African speakers were very inspirational."

"This week was my most memorable spring break. I love Paris!"

"Just a wonderful week...catering to student interests and welcoming them to Parisian affairs."

"This program is amazing. I've learned so so much and gained new insights and perspectives. I loved it."

"It's been a life experience and will forever be a fond memory."

"IMS has been amazing. As I scanned over the list of speakers, I wanted to mention nearly every one by name as being exceptional."

"A rare opportunity to pick the brains of interesting, well-respected professionals in media. It was so generous of people to let us into their homes and really let us get a personal look at the city."

"Fantastic trip – one of the best trips I have ever been on."

"I have loved to have the chance to see this beautiful city and learned a lot from the speakers; I was astounded by their knowledge and prestige."

"I appreciated the variety of seminars as far as topic and location. I loved going to people's homes to hear them speak!"

"...a Parisian experience I will always remember fondly!"

"...a great way to spend spring break."

"I found all the speakers to be incredibly fascinating and thoroughly enjoyed being able to learn from their expertise."

“The Hotel Malar has been great...an incredibly pleasant experience.”

“This trip has been one of the most educational, inspiring, and absolutely fascinating weeks of my young life. I feel so lucky to have been able to spend my spring break here and have learned and been exposed to more than I ever expected. I would strongly encourage anyone interested in any aspect of international media to make attending this seminar a priority – it’s definitely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

“Going to apartments in Paris is the best. We had the chance to learn about media and to really learn about life in Paris, which is really what interests me.”

“The mere idea of this trip is phenomenal and the fact that you pull it off so well every year is even more phenomenal.”

“Thank you so much for affording me such a wonderful and unique experience...a well put-together and impactful trip.”

“This trip was INCREDIBLE.”

“I will never forget this inspirational and unforgettable trip!”

2005

“A fabulous week...I think I learned more about the world during the seminar than I had in any previous class I’d taken.”

“The speakers gave riveting accounts of their professions—great stuff!”

“A wonderful, wonderful program.”

“The experience is one I will carry with me throughout my life—everyone I have talked to had nothing but compliments about the trip.”

“I hope the future years will be as well attended and successful as this year’s!”

“Extremely valuable...lovely trip.”

“I really enjoyed the wide diversity of speakers I got to hear.”

“The combination of media, journalism, communications and international politics was a fabulous introduction to what the scene is overseas.”

“The trip was fascinating and amazing. The speakers were wonderful and interesting. Northwestern should be proud..”

“Lots of fun!”

“An outstanding program! I’ll never forget this experience.”

“The speakers were fantastic...a wonderful learning experience.”

“I would recommend this experience to others! I had a fantastic time and also a rewarding time.”

“I loved the week and found all the speakers interesting and extremely enjoyable.”

“I loved the program and was so grateful to be able to hear such interesting speakers and have time to see Paris.”

“This was such an amazing opportunity to meet the movers and shakers of the international media scene in Paris.”

2004

"I will carry what I have learned on this trip with me for a long time,. The culture, memories and lessons from some very impressive individuals have impacted my international mentality. "

"The trip was amazing, an incredible academic and personal experience."

"The trip was wonderful...I enjoyed all the speakers who opened my eyes to the internationalism of the world."

"This has been a truly wonderful trip which I will never forget."

"This week has been fabulous! Great program. Well done."

"The (Hotel) Malar worked out perfectly. Safe, convenient and has anything one could need."

"Anyone with even a minor interest in being a journalist should go on this trip."

"This has been an incredible experience! Between hearing the speakers, seeing Paris and other highlights, I have learned so much about the country, media, politics and also about my own interests. The array of speakers helps make this program work so well because we got to see so many different perspectives and backgrounds. Thank you for a wonderful week!"

"This has been an excellent trip and resource for tremendously precious information on current affairs as well as understanding international relations,

especially between the US and France, which is so crucial at this time in history
... "

"This was my first time abroad and I had a fabulous time. Truly an unforgettable week."

"I really enjoyed this seminar; it allowed me the opportunity to listen to speakers and have experiences that I would otherwise never have. "

"Be sure to retain (the) caliber of speakers-a great representation of media actors."

"Loved the hotel-excellent hospitality."

"Great speakers teaching us about the world of journalism and cultural difference."

"Thank you for a wonderful week. It is much appreciated and I learned so much."

"The speakers were fabulous and very knowledgeable. The dinners and group events were also terrific."

"I truly enjoyed this opportunity. The speakers were wonderful and stimulated my interest in a career in foreign affairs,"

"The speakers were absolutely amazing. I could not believe I was feet away from legendary, historical and influential experts and figures. I was honored hearing the speakers."

"This International Media Seminar touched my life and changed my future career plans."

"An excellent program. I would recommend it to anyone."

"Thank you for an amazing spring break. It was a wonderful experience!"

"Truly enlightening..."

"...an interesting and stimulating week."

"One of the best weeks of my life. The International Media Seminar was incredible; I learned so much and gained a lot of insight. Paris was wonderful, and I am now in the process of researching programs to study abroad there next year."

"I had a fantastic time...an amazing week in Paris."

Prior to 2004

"This trip is FABULOUS! The opportunities are unparalleled, and I am encouraging everyone I know to participate next year."

"This was a wonderful trip! I had such a wonderful experience and really felt as if I had done something both productive and fun for my spring break. I loved it!! I am definitely going to recommend this trip to my friends!! Good times."

"The conference was an unbelievable chance to talk with some prominent media figures who have the first-hand information about an exciting and dynamic profession. "

"I'm not sure how someone could attend this conference and leave not thoroughly intrigued by the media and by the people behind it."

"This trip is a wonderful experience for any student, and I think that the publicity should be much more widespread."

"Thank you so much for organizing the seminar. I learned so much!"

"I enjoyed my week in Paris--hearing and visiting many incredibly talented journalists and producers as well as to be able to tour much of the beautiful city."

"I feel that I've gained so much more inspiration and wisdom from the seminars. Spring Break 2001 will always be a memorable experience for me."

"I had a really great time in Paris. I was impressed, sometimes even moved, by the speakers."

"Hotel Malar is perfect and cute. Its staff could not be friendlier."

"Thank you so much for giving us such opportunities to be exposed to a variety of amazing media people and organizations."

"I heard a lot of students have decided to "go international" after the trip, and of course I am one of them...."

"Thank you for a wonderful week. It was something out of a dream..."

"... an unforgettable trip and experience...an amazing opportunity."

"I really liked having a mix of American and French speakers sharing their views on an intercultural environment. The tours to the different media stations and the Embassy were also wonderful."

"I feel lucky for having been able to take this opportunity. And besides-it's Paris. What could be at all bad about that!"

"That neat mapped-out life I had before I went abroad on this program? Well, I don't have that anymore."

"I really loved the international focus. Not only did I learn a lot about journalism, but I learned about culture and politics and the way the world works!"

"I dream of becoming a foreign correspondent one day. Participating in this program gives me a little taste of this dream."

All in all, it was an amazing week! I got to see Paris, a wonderful city, and meet extraordinary people who taught me a lot."

"The program was FABULOUS! I will in all likelihood do it again!"

"I couldn't have picked a better way to spend my senior spring break. The speakers were inspiring and hearing their professional experiences/advice will definitely help me come graduation time...."

"Incredible speakers...enough free time to see what I wanted and enough busy time to keep me intellectually stimulated...."

"Thank you very much. This was so much more than I expected."

"This was a great chance to meet students with similar interests; I want to go back now!"

"The embassy visit was fantastic. I want to be a foreign correspondent or foreign service officer... The program was wonderful...a great educational and inspiring seminar."

"The speakers were all fantastic and the Q and A was great. The travel options helped us make the most of our first trip to Paris."

"I found the level of the conference to be very high and professional. It provided an incredible opportunity to learn from the best.... Very insightful and a lot of fun!"

"An incredible spring break experience! Loved the speakers and who can be short of amazed by Paris. MERCI!"

"Thank you, because this has definitely been an amazing, eye-opening opportunity for me. I have never been able to travel abroad before this...I still have a hard time comprehending that only a few days ago I was chatting with the editor of People magazine and [others]...I could go on, but you were there and I

am sure you caught a few of the incredulous looks that passed over our faces. The trip meant a lot to me, not to mention guiding me in career choices. So thank you from the bottom of my heart."

"This really was the highlight of my quarter. For the first time since coming to college, not only do I know my end goal, but also how I'm going to get there...I came back with a determination to learn French and study abroad."

"The speakers were incredible; I have three new personal heroes. It really was good mix between free time and sessions. I loved it so much! I'm homesick for Paris now."

" I made incredible friends and experienced incredible moments that I think one can really only experience as a student with other friends. It was a great. great spring break, and I'd recommend it to anyone in a heartbeat."

"The speakers were just plain fantastic. One of the most fascinating, fun weeks of my life."