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Our Beautiful Galway One Last Time.... <3

Wow. I can't believe the time is finally here. In just a few short hours, we will be on our way to the airport to head home after five months of being in our home of Galway, Ireland. We have all had such a blast being abroad and we don't want it to end. It is definitely bittersweet to be going home. We have made so many memories and had so many lifetime experiences that we will never forget and we all hope to return someday soon. We are so lucky and fortunate to have had this opportunity, thanks to Linfield College. Today we had one last dinner with some drinks all together to celebrate finishing finals and making it through our study abroad program, together. We are thankful to have had each other on this journey to make the process a little bit easier, especially while we were still adjusting at the beginning. The last few weeks in Galway have been amazing and the weather has been gorgeous. It has been really sunny and nice, which called for a few last strolls and walks around town. It is more than we could have asked for. We now reflect on our journey here and take all the life lessons that we have learned, back with us to the states to share with those around us.

Finals have been wrapping up here and we are done with our studies. Time has flown by so fast and we are going to miss it here, but we know that Galway will always be our home and will always welcome us back at any time, no matter what. We can't wait to come home and share our experiences with all of our friends and family and hopefully be able to inspire other future Linfield College students to study abroad as well, as it has been a life-changing experience for all of us. While things have been so different for us and it took a bit of getting used to, we have loved every single moment of it. Also, we have all bonded so well and so much, taking many trips together, such as to the Aran Islands, Connemara, and the Cliffs of Moher. We have also made many friends in the process and hope to stay in contact with them even after we leave.

It will be a long journey home with about 24 hours of traveling. While we may all be exhausted when we get home and we will be missing this home of ours, we will all be so happy to see everyone and adjust to the routines of our daily lives before we left the states. However, we would be coming back better people for what we have learned and who we have met during our study abroad experience and we could not be more grateful or happier about it. We flew to Ireland barely knowing one another. However, we are coming home as lifetime friends who have all experienced something that not a lot of others will be able to begin to realize how much of an impact it has all had on us and the changes that we have experienced. We have become better people, seeing a whole different culture and living in it as our own and appreciating the things that the United States of America gives us and how fortunate and lucky we are.

Thank you for following my study abroad experience. Thank you for taking this journey with me. I hope some day I can help to influence others to do the same and study abroad as well and help make an impact on their lives forever.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Kimball
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