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Food for the Seoul

There in the beating sun sits a large brown-glazed pottery jar taking its place in line with 50 others just like it. Inside, heated charcoal, dried red chilies, salt water and the main ingredient a dry hard block-shaped lump of fully cooked soybeans. It has been charged to stay in its place for two months. It will be drained off then stay put for another three months to develop the full flavor. What is this strange recipe used for? It is the foundation of a good soy sauce; made like many other fermented dishes in South Korea that Marlaina will get to try this summer.

Marlaina or Marty Scarbrough, a Cadillac native, will be experiencing the South Korean culture this summer through an opportunity with the Office of International Studies. The Applied Speech Communication major decided to head for an adventure after a close friend told her about the affordable trip.

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This will not be Scarbrough’s first trip out of the United States. Last summer she went to Costa Rica to hone her foreign language skills, Spanish. Her trip included scenic hikes and zip lining through the tropical rainforest, taking a cooking class for authentic Costa Rican cuisine, visiting a butterfly garden, and the local nightlife.

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In South Korea the group plans on spending time in Seoul learning about the South Korean culture while teaching Korean students English as a second language. They will be visiting a Buddhist Temple, the Korean War Memorial, the Trickeye Museum, and Bukhansan National Park in Seoul. After their time in South Korea they will be spending six days in Tokyo Japan exploring the massive city.

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Scarbrough is a commuter student who currently lives at home to help afford the high cost of school. She is an active member in PRSSA and enjoys watching the Detroit Red Wings.

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Rough Draft

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Background/Planning

Name: Marlaina M. Scarbrough (I go by Marty)

Major: Applied Speech Communication, concentration in Public Advocacy (minors: spanish and pr)

Year in school: 4th year

Hometown: Cadillac

Where are you studying abroad: South Korea

When did you decide to study abroad: My friend told me about the South Korea study abroad and all the benefits of going there, so that's when I decided to go.

What made you choose this location: It was the South Korea study abroad and it was cheaper than other study abroad trips.

Have you studied abroad before: Yes, last summer I went to Costa Rica

What am I looking forward to: I am looking forward to learning about a new culture and seeing new things. I never imagined traveling to an Asian country. Also the food. I am excited to try all the food in South Korea.

Interested in learning about the culture: yes, of course! Learning about new cultures broaden your horizons and understanding. It also helps you have more of an open mind about things.

Least looking forward to: I am nervous about being in a country where their language is symbols. I hope I will be able to find my way around the cities and that people are going to be helpful.

Specifically visit: we are going to go to the Buddhist Temples and travel around the cities. The last we are away, we are going to Tokyo for week

Recommend to others: I recommend studying abroad whenever you can. It really opens your to new things and you get a lot of worldly experience.

Other interviews:

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