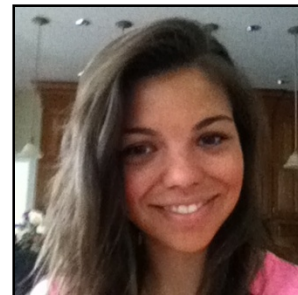

Meet Your Departmental Student Advisor!

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Hometown: Hagerstown, MD

Major: Business

Concentration: African Studies

Study Abroad: Lancaster, England

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Mint Chocolate Chip

Best Adjective to Describe You: Exuberant

In 10 words or less, why should someone want to be a part of this department?

It is a great chance to try something new.

When did you know you wanted to study this area? What pathway led you to this department?

I knew that I wanted to study African Studies after I took my first class. I needed to take a third class in spring quarter and African Studies caught my attention. Since then I have taken many more of the classes offered.

What is the best way to get (and stay) connected to this department?

Speak with Dr. Bangura, he is very enthusiastic and always willing to help out a student. The best thing about African Studies is there are no prerequisites for the classes; you can sign up for whichever class interests you.

What would you miss the most if you were no longer a part of this department?

I would miss the class discussions.

What are your career aspirations/next steps after K?

I would like to join the Peace Corps.

What has been the biggest surprise you have encountered at K?

I was surprised at how fast you go through the material. Because of the 10 week trimesters you can't procrastinate on assignments.

How does your department connect to your other interests and activities?

In African Studies you will often have a research paper to write on the topic related to the African Studies class you are taking. This allows you to research African Studies but you can also apply it other fields you are interested in.

What has been your favorite class at K? Why?

My favorite class so far was "Gender Relations in Africa." It was my first African Studies class, and it got me interested in the department. I really enjoyed the class discussions because I always felt encouraged to give my own take on the information.

What is your SIP?

My SIP is an experiential business SIP on the impact of copper on sales and inventory prices.
