

Hi, my name is Katie Winkler. I am a Spanish world language and culture major with a minor in global studies. I have always been intrigued by the various cultures and languages of the world.

Growing up, my family always hosted exchange students from many different countries. It was always amazing to hear them speak about their lives in their native countries. One of the students we hosted was Italian and after her visit, I became slightly obsessed with the Italian culture.

My senior year of high school I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to study abroad in Italy for the year. It opened my eyes so much to the different culture and way of living. After returning home having learned Italian, my interest for romance languages grew and I decided I wanted to learn Spanish.

While attending school, I have been learning not just the Spanish language, but also about other cultures of the world. These countries of these cultures include Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Japan, etc. It has been fascinating.

In the years to come, I hope to do the Peace Corps. After this I would love to get a job teaching in another country or helping less fortunate communities find solutions to everyday things such as; attaining nutritious food, drinking clean water, growing crops that are practical and sustainable, etc.