WKU Study Abroad

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From the Grand Canyon to Argentina and points in between, several WKU faculty and staff are beginning the new year studying around the globe.

Amy Bingham checks in with some of them in this week’s View from the Hill.

These students are having some amazing adventures away from the hill and also forming friendships that will last a life time. At least that was a common theme from the students I spoke with in Argentina, New Zealand and London.

Erika Clark and Katie Jo Kullmar are both planning careers in education. They are currently studying in Argentina.

“I’m in a class with someone from Canada, China, Brazil..and we’re all learning Spanish.”

But it’s not all work and no play.

“We went kayaking, we’ve been to Uraguy. We’ve gone to so many different museums.”

Erika and Katie Jo are among close to 130 students spread across twelve countries during this winter term.

“We actually just got off an island called Kapiti Island, we did amazing hiking, awesome views cool wildlife we wouldn’t experience anywhere else.”

Garrett Boyd is with a group studying recreation and tourism in New Zealand. He says the trip has far exceeded his expectations.

“There’s no way you could get this experience any other way. Even if you took a vacation to New Zealand.”

This is the second time Clinton Lewis has been part of a faculty led study away program.

“It’s been really rewarding to have the students experience not only the New Zealand culture but also the Maori culture, the indigenous people of New Zealand.”

Alex Biggs is one of only two males on the theatre trip currently underway in London and New York City.

“There’s 13 girls and only two guys but it’s been pretty cool. We’ve all gotten along and I’ve made some new friends. And got to see great shows.”

No matter what the class may be, the students say these are trips that teach so much more.

“You learn so much more than just the subject you’re studying and you get to experience life in a whole different world. It’s completely different than the US.”

This is just a few of the trips currently underway by WKU students. You can follow WKU Study Abroad on social media to see more of these adventures as many students are doing take overs of the accounts.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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