

Telling Our EOP Stories

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The Power of Inspiration

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It is amazing how an idea that seems so out of reach becomes a reality. This is the story of Linda Vang. Linda is a fourth year EOP student. She is double majoring in Linguistic and Public Relations. For the past year, Linda has been interviewing EOP students who have had remarkable stories to tell and have dedicated a lot of time and effort writing the Telling Our EOP Stories features. This Month is Linda's turn to tell her story and inspire you!

This past winter break, Linda had the opportunity to study abroad in London. There she studied The British Experience: Empire, Art and Culture in Postcolonial London. What is so inspirational about Linda's story is that traveling to London is something she dreamed about. She knew at one point she would do it, but didn't think that it would happen during college. Linda shared, "I've always known I would do it at some point, just not within my college career. The fear of doing something beyond my comfort zone and the ordinary is daunting, as well as financial obstacles." I asked Linda what inspired her to turn her ideas into actions and she said that she remembered the first EOP story she has written; she felt so inspired by all the students' accomplishments that it made her believe she could do it. From then on, every story that Linda completed gradually reassured her and increased her confidence to take on challenges, do things outside of the comfort zone and build on past experiences. Linda stated, "It's not just traveling, but every student I interviewed inspired me to do something. They each have unique experiences that encouraged me to reach out beyond the norm. One of them, and probably the biggest one, was my decision to go to London."

When she received the opportunity to travel to London, Linda did not hesitate to go. She knew there would be many obstacles to overcome while planning her trip to London but also understood that this, once in a lifetime opportunity, would be worth it. Linda said that if there was one thing she wanted students to get from her story was that any idea is possible as long as you put it to action. Like many students, Linda has faced numerous obstacles; however, at the end of it all, the experiences and knowledge acquired is invaluable and worth all the effort.



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