Peter Meyer
Honors Program

Post Enrichment Report

During the spring semester of 2018, I was able to study abroad at Swansea University, in Swansea, Wales. During the semester, I was able to learn many new things both inside and outside of the classroom. I was able to interact with and learn from many different cultures and experiences that were unique from my own as well as share my own perspectives on problems. As a student studying chemical engineering, I was able to learn how other nations with different engineering challenges help solve the problems they face.

My classes included reactor design, biochemical engineering, process modeling, polymers, and energy and low carbon technology. The opportunity to study in a new place afforded me the chance to learn new ways to approach unique problems. My course in Energy and Low Carbon Technology was useful in providing the various approaches, with their challenges, advantages, and disadvantages, to clean and renewable energy. As a student at CSU, this was very important and crucial in helping better use my engineering degree to help bring about cleaner energy. The other classes were interesting as they provided a different approach to engineering, that was different than CSU. It allowed me to be more versatile and flexible in my approach to problem solving, which is crucial to successful engineering.

The education continued outside of the classroom in traveling and interacting with the Welsh. From these experiences, I learned much about a different culture. The Welsh have a long and unique history that affords an amazing opportunity to learn from. For example, the language Welsh is the only widely spoken language of a language branch that use to be spoken from Romania to France. Scotland and England also afforded me amazing opportunities to learn
cultural customs as well as history. The global reach of the British Empire could be seen in many different ways, and made it feel like I was studying in several cultures at once. I got to eat Welsh rarebit and watch Welsh rugby. In Scotland I listened to traditional Scottish music and got to eat their local food. In England I was able to experience thousands of years of culture, from prehistoric Stonehenge to the modern Eye of London. Each culture was unique and different and afforded new learning opportunities.

The entire Honors Enrichment Scholarship helped contribute to this amazing and enriching experience. I returned to the United States with a new global perspective. While the semester abroad is done, the experiences and learning achieved will not stop but will continue to shape and guide new decisions and experience into the future.