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I have no idea how to explain this year in words. Being a GRSP student is an incredible experience that has to be experiences. Fellow GRSP students, I know ya'll understand what I mean because you have experienced it with me. However, I will do my best to describe my year as a GRSP student.

The years stated with the dancing Swedes entering the stage at the conclave in Rome and from that day on this year has been a blast. I have had a chance to meet interesting people from all over the world, to learn about the United States and the American culture, and to travel to different places. I've celebrated New Years in New York, been skiing in North Carolina, and visited the beautiful city of Savannah. I've tasted grits and boiled peanuts, climbed Stone Mountain, and learnt how to bark like a dog. I am now a Georgia Bulldog and will always be one. But no matter how proud I am to call myself a Georgia Bulldog, I am even prouder to be part of the GRSP class of 2009-2010, a class full of wonderful individuals I'm happy to call my friends.

When I arrived to Georgia everything was new and mysterious now Georgia feels like my second home. To my host clubs and host families, thank you for opening your homes to me and making me a part of your families. I truly appreciate everything you have done for me. You have without doubt taught me lots of valuable things about the United States and about life. I cannot thank you enough.

My year as a GRSP student is not over yet but I know for sure that when I leave Georgia, I will not only bring lots of wonderful memories with me I will also see the world from a new and broader perspective knowing that peace through understanding is possible.