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Final months of exchange

Writing about the days of my exchange brings me so much sadness. I can't begin to understand how 9 months have gone by in the blink of an eye and as happy as I am to see my family and friends again I am sad to leave the family and friends that I have made here because I don't know when I will see them again. Also having to say goodbye to exchange students now and knowing there are some people that have impacted my life that I will never see again. I can't to begin to explain how exchange has changed my life. I know as a person I have changed so much. Being able to say that is huge to me because before I didn't believe I could change I had it stuck in my head that this changing thing was a lie, but to ANYONE that thinks you can't change as a person is so wrong there is always room for change, improvement. Looking back at myself at the beginning of exchange in my head or photos is very strange I feel like I don't remember that girl anymore she is gone, and I like the new version.



I was so worried I wouldn't learn Spanish. Scared that I would finish exchange with no Spanish at all. I can say with great confidence this is not true, I have learned so much its crazy. I have learned so much more, like how to deal with situations I am uncomfortable, or making sure I step out of step out of my comfort zone with some things.





At the beginning of the year I was scared that I wouldn't make friends, I would go through my whole exchange without making out any friends but that is definitely not the case. I have made so many friends here and I am so sad to leave them all but I know in my heart I will see them again. Not only have I made close friends I have also gotten close to some of the families. I know it will be hard leaving my life behind here but I am also excited to see my family again and my friends and just show them how much I have changed. Knowing the date of when go home makes me sad and excited, first time I have ever had those two emotions so close to each other.



To conclude I really am so grateful for my experience.

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