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Hometown: *Delmar, NY*

Major: *Double majored in French and History with a minor in International Relations, currently working in ESL education.*

Hobbies: *Dance, hiking, reading.*

Do/did you like Geneseo? Why did you choose to come to Geneseo?

Nathalie: I decided to attend Geneseo after my campus visit in the spring of my senior year of high school. I completely fell in love with the campus, and after talking to many people during my visit, I could envision myself as part of the community. Geneseo's vast array of study abroad opportunities appealed to me, as well as the core curriculum requirements that had students explore subjects beyond their specialization. I find a broad liberal arts education to be very valuable; I often applied knowledge to other classes and made connections. The strong foreign language department was key in my decision to attend Geneseo, as well as the hundreds of student clubs and organizations that I learned about during my visit.

I cannot say enough good things about my time at Geneseo! I had fabulous professors of History, French, and International Relations who inspired me every day. The organizations that I joined and became a leader of gave me the opportunities to develop myself professionally. Overall, the main component of Geneseo that contributed to my wonderful experience was the student body. I looked up to many of my classmates who did and are doing amazing things—Geneseo is a very special community.

Why do you feel GREAT Day is important?

GREAT Day is important as a showcase of students work—but also of students excellence and independence. GREAT Day projects are voluntary. It is usually a passion project that allows the students' work to shine. Ever since I attended my first GREAT Day as a freshman, I recognized it for how special it was—bringing together students and faculty to pursue academic interests that are purely their own, and not mandated by a class or curriculum.

How did it feel to present your work at GREAT Day?

I felt, above all, grateful for the opportunities I have been able to enjoy at Geneseo. My advisor, Dr. Catherine Adams, was incredibly helpful in my preparation for GREAT Day. I felt proud that I was one of the many talented student presenters that day.