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## RELATIONSHIPS

The relationships I formed - with my cohort, Buffalo State professors, students at our partner school, and Italian people in Torremaggiore, Rome, and the Amalfi Coast - had a significant impact on me.

Every person I came across made me feel as if we had known each other for years. I formed friendships and professional connections that wouldn't have been possible without this IPDS trip.



## FORMATIVE MOMENTS

Working at the Emilio Ricci school was one of the most formative, rewarding, and enriching experiences of my life. It provided the opportunity to network with a myriad of professionals in my field and experience the role of the English language in classrooms in another culture. I learned different pedagogical practices as well as the importance of making learning accessible to all students, despite potential linguistic barriers. This trip was a pivotal moment - it affirmed for me my desire to continue stretching beyond my comfort zone and to see what life has to offer!

## FAVORITE MEMORIES

- Our first dinner as a cohort in Rome
- Seeing the Colosseum lit up at night
- Playing 'Just Dance' with the students
- Karaoke on our last night in Sorrento
- Making homemade pasta with locals
- Immersing in the history of Torremaggiore
- Seeing the Amalfi Coast with strangers who transformed to lifelong friends



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