

Goals for Presidential Global Scholars 2012

- Personal goals
 - Become a more well-rounded and open-minded individual (and a more interesting person overall)
 - Develop a greater appreciation for the world's differences and similarities
 - Obtain a broader scope of the world I live in
 - Learn more about myself than would be possible here at Tech
 - Understand my role in our global economy
 - Increase cultural and political awareness
 - Make unforgettable friendships and memories
 - Explore the issue of human trafficking and other social issues
 - Keep myself engaged outside of engineering for sake of my overall appreciation of my education at Virginia Tech (this type of experience will help me continue to find motivation and enjoyment here at VT)
- Professional goals (in addition to the goals listed above, many of which will also help me develop as a professional)
 - Develop greater social/communication skills and real-world vision that engineers often lack
 - Experience several different cultures and be able to talk about them to employers (international experience in general is a plus for finding a job)
 - Become marketable toward international companies (as well as smaller ones); the world is moving toward more of a global economy, which is changing the way corporations do business (and design)
 - Learn to be more adaptable as it pertains to work environments
- Learn Italian (has professional as well as personal benefits)
 - Use Rosetta Stone in the library during Fall semester
 - Develop a basic conversational level of understanding
 - Attempt to use it instead of English in Switzerland and Italy
- Get to know several professors on a much more personal level
 - Gain insight into possible career paths
 - Use the opportunities presented to ask for advice
 - Expand my professional network
 - (Plus, as it has been pointed out to us, they are just interesting people)