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Dear Ms. Gardner,

I am excited to tell you that I was accepted to study abroad at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy for the fall semester.

If it weren't for Ogden and my experiences with internationalism there, I am not sure I would have ever imagined myself studying abroad. I am so thankful for my high school experience, which I wrote about extensively in my essays for my applications to study abroad. I looked back on some of my old essays from IB and it reminded me of my commitment to be a life long, international learner.

I am excited to also announce that I am already planning to meet up with many old friends while overseas. I plan to go to Hamburg, Germany to stay with my host family from Ogden's exchange program. I plan to visit Askim Yildiz (she was a freshmen when I was a senior) in Istanbul, Turkey. And of course the Putter family who lives in Italy. Jan Michael Putter also attends JCU and he has already promised to be my tour guide.

Please share the good news with all my beloved IB teachers. For without all of you, I would not be where I am today. Thank you for everything.

Emma