Kevin participated in the Rising Sophomore Abroad Program (RSAP) while majoring in Computer Engineering.

What did you learn about your host country?
I learned a lot about how students live in China as well as the some of the major businesses there. We visited Amazon, Tsu Park, and GE, who showed us how business was conducted in China. The majority of industries must be contracted through the government and business from outside China needs to be under contract with a Chinese company to even be allowed in. We learned about the history of China through our tour guide when we walked around the historical sites in Beijing, like Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Great Wall.

How did this experience affect your future plans?
This experience showed me that going abroad is not as intimidating as it seems. People in other countries do not try to discriminate, but actively try to help you get used to the environment. I want to spend a full semester abroad, but maybe not in China. I want to experience a completely new culture that I have never seen before.

If you had to do the experience all over again, what would you have done differently?
If I had to do the experience all over again, I would have tried to get more of my friends onto the same track as me. I did make friends in the class but they were on different tracks so we did not go on the trip together.
Want to study abroad but not sure where to start?

Meet Jake McCrea, Engineering Peer Advisor!

Jake is located in the Global Education Office. He’s there to help you choose the perfect program to fit your budget and schedule. Jake is a senior majoring in Computer Engineering and Creative Writing. He enjoys rec volleyball in his spare time. He studied abroad in Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, and France on the Europe track of the Rising Sophomore Aboard Program. He also lived in South Korea for several years.

Visit Jake during walk-in hours!
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- Helping plan and execute larger events
- Leading study abroad information sessions
- Creating unique ways to advertise and promote studying abroad
- Raising funds to award scholarships to students studying abroad

Anyone who has studied abroad in the past or is passionate about studying abroad in the future is encouraged to apply!

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