



Lausanne Newsletter

Bonjour! Happy January

Happy New Year! We hope you are enjoying this new year full of new beginnings and fresh starts. Just think, 2021 is the year you will begin your Swiss adventure. We hope this newsletter will help you to prepare and make you even more excited to travel abroad!

Important updates:

Submit a copy of your passport by JAN 15th

<https://community.pepperdine.edu/seaver/internationalprograms/ip-bound/posts/prepare-to-go-abroad-in-six-steps.htm>

Learn some French!

Watch this video to learn how to speak French like a local!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tBmFd-1bfl>

Culture Spotlight

If you are up for adventure and a bit of a workout then skiing is the perfect winter activity for you. Lucky for you, Verbier, one of Switzerland's most prestigious ski areas, is only a short train ride from Lausanne. Students often buy ski passes and go for ski trips. Some would even go to class in the morning and then ski in the afternoon! So, add Verbier Skiing to your travel itinerary. You won't want to miss what the mountains have to offer!



Important dates:

JAN 15: Deadline to submit
Passport Copy

Feb 22-26: Global Learning Week

March 3rd: Lausanne Fall 2021,
Academic Year 2021-22
Preparation & Visa Workshop

Birthday Shoutouts!

Wishing you a very happy
birthday!

Jan 2nd: Asael Soto

Jan 10th: Elle Shrader

Jan 14th: Courtney Hancock

Jan 15th: Cassandra Kinnear

Jan 27th: Braden Yonano

Jan 28th: Eliza Morford

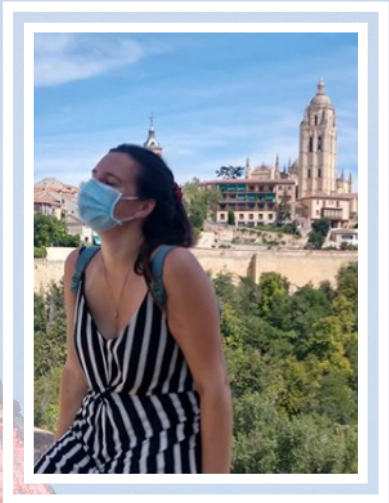
Jan 31st: Brooke Garcia

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INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION IN GENEVA

What was special about your student experience in Lausanne?

In short, it completely changed my life. My study abroad experience in Lausanne was my first experience outside of the United States. Before the Lausanne program, I knew virtually nothing about Switzerland. I applied simply because it looked beautiful and I loved the mountains. My year abroad expanded my imagination about what life could be like, especially in Switzerland. I had the chance to travel to many different countries, but I ended up realizing how much I loved Switzerland in particular. By the time I got on the plane to return to the United States, I knew I wanted to come back to live in Switzerland at some point in my life, but I just assumed it would be impossible.



During my senior year at Pepperdine, I decided to apply to graduate school in Geneva at the last minute. I thought Geneva's international environment and cultural perspective would be the ideal place to study global public health. I was completely unfamiliar with foreign university systems so it required me to spend time researching and working hard to manage the logistics of the application process. I assumed I would be rejected, but I decided to try. As soon as I was admitted, I had the sense that it was where I was meant to be. I'm so grateful that I was able to attend school in Geneva. Thanks to my experience at the University of Geneva, I was able to fulfill my professional internships at the UN and had tremendous professional exposure to the men and women who are leading the world in the field of public health. I also gained a close group of friends from around the world and reaffirmed my love for Switzerland.

Taste of the Season

As you warm up in a ski lodge or look for something to enjoy after a chilly day out in the city, traditional cheese fondue is the perfect indulgence. Here is a delicious recipe for traditional cheese fondue. If you try this recipe, send a photo to emily.stephens@pepperdine.edu and we will feature you on our instagram!

<https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/1018556-classic-fondue>

