

# MERTIE W. BUCKMAN INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



## Lily Resha '25

Hometown: Murfreesboro, TN  
Major: International Studies and Spanish  
City/Country: Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Employer: AMUMRA (a Asociación de Derechos Humanos Mujeres Un Migrantes y Refugiadas en Argentina)

Through the Mertie Buckman Internship Program, I had the incredible opportunity to live and work in Buenos Aires, Argentina. During my time in Buenos Aires, I

worked with a non-profit for migrant and refugee women called AMUMRA. At my internship, I got to learn so much about the immigration process and what caused these women to leave their home countries. One aspect of the job getting to know the women and their families that came to our office was the most rewarding part of my experience. I feel honored to have had any small role in their journey. These connections that I made at my job and during my time in Argentina encouraged me to improve my Spanish-speaking ability. As a Spanish major, I have spent years learning the language and I am so grateful to have had the experience of using my Spanish to make meaningful connections during my time in Argentina. Finally, I just want to say that my experience here in Buenos Aires was incredible. To start to finish, the people I have met here and the experiences I have had I will carry with me forever. I will always be filled with gratitude for the time I got to spend in Argentina.

other cities like Tangier and Casablanca, attended one of the largest music festivals in the world (Mawazine), and even went shopping for the first time in my life!



## Muhammad Ibraheem Waraich '25

Hometown: Collierville, TN  
Major: International Studies  
City/Country: Tokyo, Japan  
Employer: YouMeWe NPO

During my time in Japan I connected with incredible people, gained valuable work experience, and grew personally through my travels around the country. I interned at YouMeWe NPO, a Tokyo based non-profit

which supports orphanages in Japan, the Philippines, Brazil, and Ghana.

My work centered in the communications department, where I focused on improving the organization's social media presence and keeping donors and partners updated on our various projects. The most exciting initiative I worked on was "Designing Artists Academy." It was a summer camp organized for orphans in the greater Tokyo area. Children were able to take lessons in painting, yoga, martial arts, and more. DAA was an incredibly fulfilling project to be a part of. Because the team I worked with in Tokyo was small, I also had the opportunity to work outside of my department and learn about the financial management, networking, and marketing necessary to run an impactful non-profit.

Beyond work, Japan offered ample opportunity for exploration. In my free time I explored neighborhoods like Shimokitazawa, visited historic shrines in Nikko, relaxed on the beach in Chiba, and immersed myself in Kyoto's cultural richness. My favorite memory from the trip was climbing Mt Fuji! I will remember these experiences for years to come.



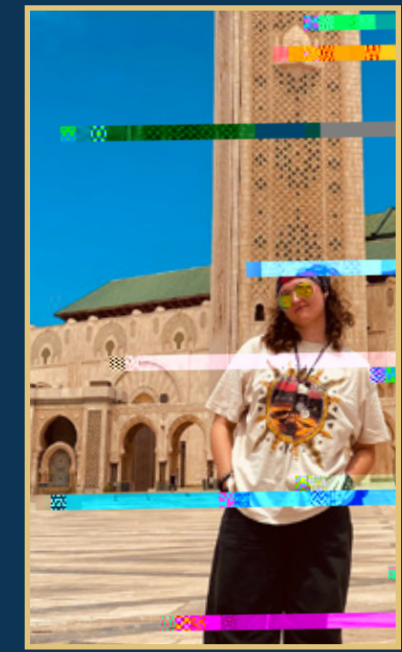
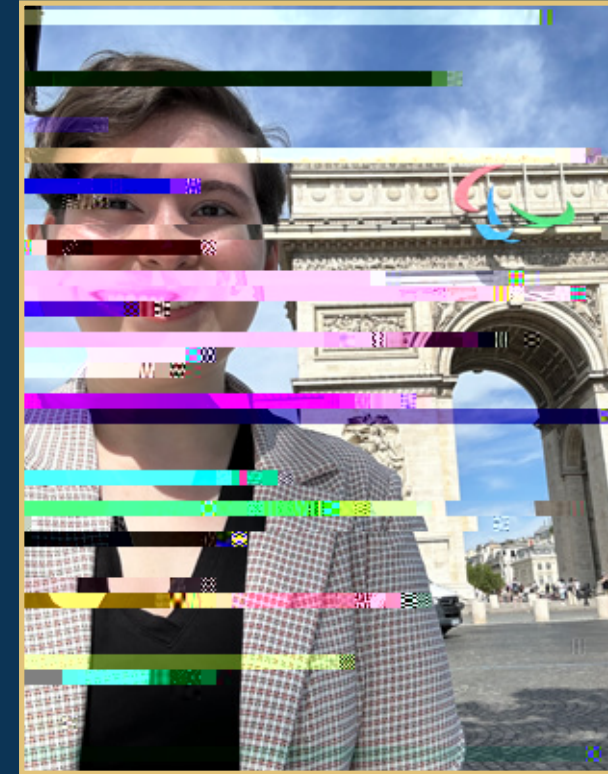
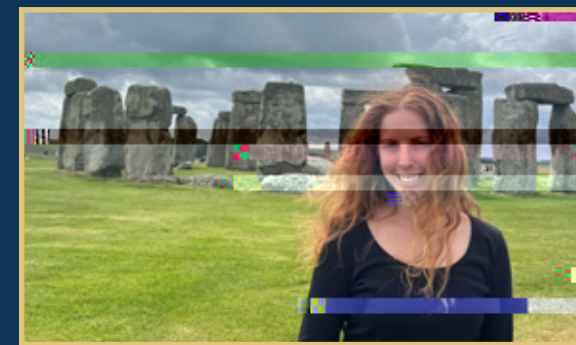
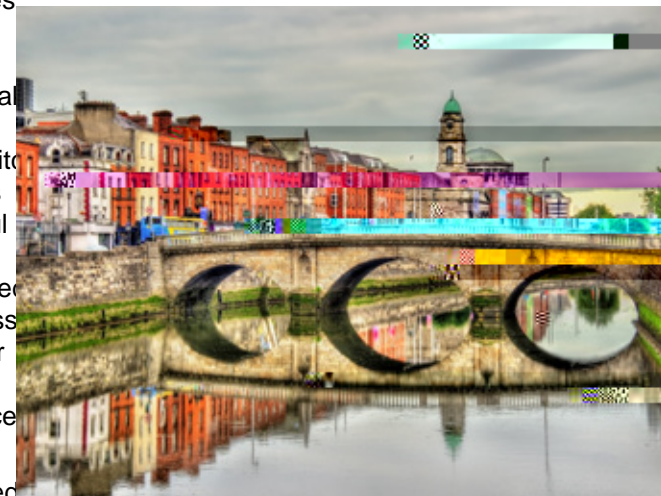
## Anna Grace "AG" Travis '25

Hometown: Georgetown, TX  
Major: Political Science and International Studies  
City/Country: Rabat, Morocco  
Employer: Rabat Social Studies Institute

This summer, I interned at the Rabat Social Studies Institute in Rabat, Morocco. The RSSI is an independent think tank that provides policy briefs and recommendations to Moroccan lawmakers through

ongoing research into civil rights issues, with the goal of making Morocco a more equitable place. During my internship, I wrote report summaries, assisted in writing a fundraising pitch and even penned my own opinion piece for the internship's column! By working with RSSI, I not only had the wonderful opportunity to learn more about Moroccan civil rights, but I also learned how a research institute operates, what its needs are, and how they connect with the policy world for progress change. I hope to go into civil rights law in my future career with the objective of working as an attorney for NGOs, so interning at the RSSI has been an invaluable life experience.

Outside of the office, I had many adventures exploring Morocco. I lost myself in Rabat's medina many times, visited



## Ayza Alexander '25

Hometown: Atlanta, GA

Major: International Studies and  
Political Science; Film and Media Studies

City/Country: Cape Town, South Africa

Employer: The Institute of Justice and  
Reconciliation

Landing in Cape Town, I felt an  
immediate connection to the city. My  
internship at the Institute of Justice and