

Dear Parents of a Prospective JCU Student,

Our son, Ben, was born in Rome during my husband's year as a Fulbright Fellow. As a child he was an avid reader. He was also very musical and attended an elementary school with a focus on music. He grew up in NYC and Evanston, IL.

When the time came to apply for college, for a variety of reasons **John Cabot University** seemed an ideal choice that resonated with our son's eclectic background. **JCU's** combination of an intense cultural immersion with the reassuring environment of a college run on the American system was just what we were looking for. A plus was the advantage of small classes and **JCU's** remarkable location, with Paris, Amsterdam, or Barcelona just a train ride away.

During my visit to the school I was impressed by the number, frequency and diversity of activities being offered, such as a walk to the Forum; a visit to Tivoli; or lectures delivered by international scholars. Our son is surrounded by centuries of art and history; he is meeting students from different cultural backgrounds; and he is learning how to communicate and function in a cosmopolitan European environment. All of these factors would have been impossible to find on an American campus, or in a short-term study abroad program.

I appreciated greatly the opportunity to meet and speak with like-minded students and parents who value the stimulating experience of another culture. Last but not least, the **JCU** administrative staff was extremely helpful at all times. It may be the *dolce vita* surroundings in which they work, but they all seemed genuinely engaged and happy to assist us with our questions or concerns.

Ben does indeed seem to be flourishing in his new academic environment; his major is communications and we're more convinced than ever that **JCU** was the absolute ideal choice for him!

Sincerely,

Alessandra Visconti

(parent of Ben, entering freshman at JCU October 2009 and Lecturer in Italian at Northwestern University, Illinois).