



## **You Want to go to College Where?**

Hello! My name is Ann Spriggs from Maumelle, Arkansas and my son chose to attend college at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy, not just for one semester or school year abroad mind you – but for an entire 4 years!

One can only imagine the fear that came over me when I realized that this was not like he was going off to camp for the summer, but rather living and studying in a foreign country. We didn't know anyone, nor were we familiar with the laws of Italy and safety was a huge concern to us. There were so many unknowns. When it came to the college application process, we advised our son not to limit himself and to follow his dreams. We never thought he would reach out abroad!

Now what? Along with the myriad of questions as to why he chose to apply at one university versus another and combining that with Matt's interest in International Affairs, we realized that John Cabot University was the perfect fit. The rest was easy. No kidding!

John Cabot has an excellent website that will answer the majority of your questions at [www.johncabot.edu](http://www.johncabot.edu). John Cabot is an American liberal arts University with a low student teacher ratio, small class environment, and an impressive, diverse and dedicated faculty.

The entire process of getting our son enrolled into a university abroad was made easy with the assistance of Karen Altieri, Manager of the U.S. office in Largo, Florida. She will guide you every step of the way with detailed instructions on how to apply for the student visa to what to pack for the flight.

The admissions department, financial aid, housing and student services in Rome were very professional and knowledgeable and met all of my questions with enthusiasm.

We traveled to Rome to drop our son off to college and attend a week of orientation. I was amazed at how organized and helpful everyone was. Students, parents and faculty were all busy getting acquainted, exchanging emails and phone numbers. Friendships were being made. Thus, the journey begins.

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