

Dear sir/madam

I have always heard of the exchange program but never thought I could be part of it . And when I received a call early April it did not sound real, I could not believe my ears. Initially I had doubted it because it is not everyday that one receive that phone call until a meeting was held confirming of our travel that's when I realized this was real and I was not in my bed sleeping.

I had that excitement that the university is giving me the chance to be out of continent of Africa and get a chance to experience and a view of other people's cultures outside Africa. This opportunity helped me to get some insight of how America is and changed some of the perceptions I had of the country and the people.

The topic given to us for the presentation helped me to understand that we are not that far from Americans when it comes to racism, And also got to learn that people understand and view racism differently, one surprising thing I got to learn is that racism amongst blacks themselves exist, surprising right but yeah it does. And I was not aware that both the countries face similar political problems and there is no much of a difference.

One thing I really enjoyed on this exchange program is that I got a chance to work with individuals from different backgrounds both South Africans, Lesotho, Zimbabwean and Americans that was really fun the youths from different countries in one shell, like Mr Brinkley always said the reason of the exchange program was to make us better **Global citizens** and I feel the two universities are doing good by this. The experience was so diverse and got to experience so much at the same time different cultures, languages, countries and yet we were just in one country.

Lastly would like to thank the university for giving me the opportunity to be part of the program, every African child dreams of seeing America and the experience helped us make relationships that could be of help in the future .

Thank you  
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