

# AROUND THE WORLD IN ALL 4 YEARS

Her face has graced countless Arcadia brochures—a fresh-faced student enjoying the sights of Stonehenge, but Becky Kintzi's international experiences don't end there.

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“I’ve used my passport every year since I’ve been at Arcadia!” says the recent grad. From FYSAE to World Model UN, Kintzi is one Arcadia student who took her global perspective to the next level.

“When coming to Arcadia, I knew I wanted to study abroad, but I thought I wouldn’t go until junior year,” says Kintzi, who recently earned her B.A. in Sociology with minors in both Spanish and Anthropology. Receiving a letter in July 2003 before the start of her freshman year, Kintzi learned about an all new program, one that would give first-year students the chance to spend their first semester of college abroad. “I was very excited when I found out that instead of going to Glenside I could go to London,” she remembers about learning of the First Year Study Abroad Experience (FYSAE). “It seemed too good to be true.

“FYSAE was new to everyone when I went,” she recalls. “We were just the ‘London Kids’ then because it wasn’t known as FYSAE yet.” Kintzi still holds on to many memories from the trip, in particular, a scavenger hunt that took place during her orientation. “We were split into groups and given a list of clues, a map and a disposable camera,” she remembers. “It was a contest to see who could get pictures answering all the clues, and our group won!”

Though it may have been only in its early stages, FYSAE made a big impact on Kintzi’s Arcadia Experience. Kintzi says that FYSAE’s effect on her was one that countless FYSAE students still claim as true. “FYSAE was a confidence booster and made me more responsible and organized since I had much more independence and had to figure things out on my own,” she says.

FYSAE also was responsible for biting Kintzi with the travel bug. A few months after returning from London, Kintzi ventured across the pond again...this time spending a week on Scotland Preview over spring break. Her sophomore year brought a week-long service trip to Mexico doing community service, and she spent her entire junior year abroad, a semester each in Granada, Spain, and Melbourne, Australia. Rounding out her college years, Kintzi traveled abroad again during her senior year, flying to Switzerland as part of Arcadia’s World Model UN team.

Kintzi credits Arcadia with giving her the opportunity to fulfill her passion for traveling. “Arcadia made it very easy to go abroad,” she raves. “Also, even with all my times abroad, I was still able to graduate in four years, which is not always the case with studying abroad at other schools.”

So, while a smiling Kintzi standing in front of Stonehenge may have made her Arcadia’s “poster child” for global education, the story behind the photographs epitomizes what an Arcadia education is all about. “Arcadia has helped me to become a global citizen,” says Kintzi. “All I can say is ‘Thanks Arcadia!’ ” ■

## Great Britain



## France



## Morocco



## Like Father, Like Son

Dr. Raymond Rose joined Arcadia's Biology Department in 1970. Thirty-six years later, Dr. Wesley Rose, followed his father's footsteps to the Department. For the past year, father and son worked as colleagues until Ray retired in August.

Both found it a rewarding experience. "He's been here over 30 years, so he knows the dynamics of the school really well. You get an individual perspective which is really unique and, for me, that has been a really great resource," says Wes Rose.

Similarly, Rose Senior views the last year as a wholly positive and gratifying experience: "To watch as Wes went through his education, his graduate and post-graduate work and his post-doctoral fellowship, to see him develop and then to have him want to have a position in an institution like Arcadia, it's a privilege then to have your son become a colleague. I've really enjoyed it deeply."

Wesley Rose didn't join the Arcadia faculty until fall 2006, but his involvement with the University spans a much longer time-period. His dad confided a little secret: "In 1974, my wife started the Beaver College Child-Care Center, which was designed for taking care of the children of continuing education women and faculty and staff. At that time Wes was 2 years old and, so, was one of the charter members!"

The father and son, who have always been close, do not see their working together as any kind of issue or potential negative factor at all. For them the experience has been nothing but positive. ■

## Dream Builder

Nick Costa's glass is always more than half full. "It's astounding what can be accomplished with the power of an explosive idea coupled with visionary leadership and ample funding," Nick Costa wrote in his successful book, *Dream Builders*. Visionaries such as Andrew Carnegie and Bill Gates, he notes, touched the future.

As Arcadia's new Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations, Costa looks forward to working with alumni and helping to build new dreams here. "I tend to be attracted to organizations that have a visible and a compelling case for success," he says of his transition from a highly successful career in healthcare to the field of higher education. "This is an exciting time for developing the vision at Arcadia. For any organization to succeed, you need to have leadership, and I'm impressed by the quality of the Board of Trustees as well as the academic and administrative leadership at Arcadia." Costa is working with Vice President of Advancement Jay Vogel and a growing alumni and development staff as Arcadia focuses on its leadership position in international education.

An executive with more than 25 years of leadership in fund-raising, communications and media relations, Costa has provided leadership and direction to development programs at both local and national organizations. Active in the healthcare field, he has led development at institutions including the Devereux Foundation, the Stamford Health Foundation, and Abington Memorial Hospital. He is also an international award-winning researcher and author and a frequent presenter at national and international conferences. He earned a sociology degree from the University of Massachusetts and is a Fellow in the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy. ■