



Rotary Club of Las Vegas
Ambassadorial Scholar 2007-2008
Christina DesVaux

My name is Christina DesVaux and I would like to thank District 5300, the Rotary Club of Las Vegas, and especially Karen Whisenhunt, the International Services Director for believing in me and my abilities to represent you as your Ambassador of Goodwill to study abroad. The end of April, 2006, I interviewed with the District and was accepted as an Ambassador Scholar for the upcoming 2007-2008 study year.

I have just graduated from Brown University, with a degree in International Relations and an emphasis on Latin American Politics, Culture, and Identity. While in school I interned at a U.S. Senator's office and worked as the Experiential Learning Coordinator in Brown's Curricular Resource Center. Both experiences played an important role in my college career, offering hands-on opportunities to explore progressive politics and service-learning from up-close.

Born and raised in Las Vegas, moving to the East was a big change. But it primed me to be an adaptable traveler, readily embracing new ideas and new cultures. I am excited to have the chance to study abroad, and am hoping to be placed in Montevideo, Uruguay. South America has long been a place I have dreamed of visiting, so I am elated to have the chance to live there. I intend to study International Public Health and will participate actively in my host Rotary Club and its community projects. Additionally, while in Montevideo, I hope to volunteer with other international NGO's, such as UNICEF, and learn the Uruguayan tango.

