

Emma Hamel Munich Scholarship



Earlier this summer the Lewis & Clark community lost Emma Hamel '18 to a tragic car accident while she was visiting her family in Ohio. Her infectious smile, voracious appetite for books, and quick wit will be missed.

While at Lewis & Clark, Emma took advantage of every opportunity to serve her community and fully dedicated herself to the various leadership roles she took on, both in academia and student life. As a Resident Advisor, she helped students acclimate to college life and formed deeply meaningful relationships with her fellow RAs.

Emma was also a dedicated intern in the Overseas & Off-Campus Programs Office, where she helped hundreds of students prepare to study abroad with Lewis & Clark. She was more than just a student employee to the office – she worked tirelessly to create new ways for students to engage with the office, enjoyed advising students on their study

abroad programs, and never let any logistical detail slip through the cracks. Her presence in the Overseas Office is greatly missed.

Majoring in German Studies and minoring in English, Emma was passionate about literature, poetry, and the German language. She was born in Nuremberg, Germany and was raised with a love of German culture, writing, and history. At the time of her death, she was preparing to begin a Year of Study in Munich. Since her acceptance to the program last year, she could hardly contain her excitement about returning to Germany where she would be able to attain fluency in a language that had been a part of her life for so long, often joking about never coming back at the end of it!

In her memory, we would like to create a scholarship fund for future students who hope to study abroad in Munich. The timing of Emma's passing in relation to this overseas program is particularly devastating, and we want to maintain her connection to a program which she cared so much about. Emma exemplified the type of student Lewis & Clark sends overseas: ready to leave behind any preconceived ideas about the typical study abroad experience, to fully embrace the moment. As one of our oldest programs, Year of Study in Munich has been an extremely impactful program for hundreds of Lewis & Clark students for over fifty years. The **Emma Hamel Munich Scholarship** will allow future German Studies majors to help fund their experience abroad. We hope to award the scholarship to students who show as much dedication, passion, and excitement about the program as Emma did.