The study abroad programs in Bloomington and Indianapolis give returning students a chance to exhibit their experiences in an annual photo contest. The Office of Overseas Study in Bloomington awards in two categories: places and people. The Indianapolis Office of International Affairs chooses the best photos overall and in the categories of most picturesque, powerful moments, and cultural adventure. The photos here are a selection from the first-, second-, and third-place winners.

Alicia Albertson, Chinese Checkers, Beijing, China. “Several Men Play Chinese Checkers at the Temple of Heaven.” Category: cultural adventure.

Emily Potts, Squishing Through the Amazon, Ecuador. “A friend took a picture of me following the other students and our guide as we carefully walked through sometimes knee-high mud swamps, searching for animals and understanding the diversity of the rain forest.” Second Place Overall.
Roberto Mesa, Dictators’ Wall in Berlin, Berlin, Germany. “I found these pieces of the Berlin wall near Checkpoint Charlie.” Category: powerful moments.

Tyler Smith, Morning Walk to Oxford Tutorial, Oxford, United Kingdom. “The New College Cloisters are known for their beautiful courtyard and ancient stonework. I was blessed to have this as my morning walk with my Oxford professor of business. These walks reminded me of the many great minds who have come before me and who have yet to come.”