

My whole life I've had an obsession with travel; I've always wanted to be everywhere from the mountains to the sea. I don't know exactly when it started, but I have a theory that it began when I was six and my family went on a six-month vacation on a catamaran—more like a short-term new living arrangement. I still had to do schoolwork, just with my mom as my teacher, which was much worse. We sailed all around the Virgin Islands, and every time we saw a new island I would beg them to stop and let me explore a new land. I felt like a conquistador or Indiana Jones mapping the world. This love of travel has given me a perspective on the world that I think is unique.

My interest in travel over the last few years has shifted into a broad interest in global politics, affairs, and the state of the world. On one of my trips I visited Chile and got to witness their plebiscite process and talk to students and other protestors throughout the capital to hear their perspectives on Chile's constitutional revisions. My experiences on these trips—especially in Chile—are what inspired me to pick my major and set myself the goal of working in an embassy somewhere around the world in a new place.