

Cameroon Burke, Junior at Stonehill College, Easton, Massachusetts (USA), finished his internship program in VDS



The past four months or so that I have spent here in Belgrade have been truly enjoyable, and I cannot believe that it is already coming to an end. I am very grateful that I was able to participate in this internship program, and spend time in such a wonderful city.

The people whom I have encountered have all been very kind toward me, and I always felt welcome as a visitor in this country. One aspect of Serbian people that I found interesting, in addition to their hospitality, was their genuine interest and curiosity. On several occasions, I was asked about my impressions of Belgrade, if I am enjoying my stay here, how the country compares to my experience in America, etc. The people seemed very intrigued by what I had to say, and I am happy that I able to meet some wonderful people and share my thoughts with them.

I am also extremely appreciative of the opportunities afforded to me by the Victimology Society. As I mentioned before, I was here in Serbia conducting research on restorative justice, while also providing VDS with some of my knowledge on the subject. Everyone here seemed to really care about not only my understanding and experience with restorative justice, but also the research that I was conducting while in Serbia. VDS was extremely helpful in helping me find information necessary for completing my research. I know that I would not have had the success that I had with my research were it not for the kindness and dedication of the Victimology Society, and for that I am truly thankful. I do sincerely hope that I was able to help the Victimology Society as much as they were able to help me.

Although I am leaving Belgrade and getting ready to finish up with my research to present in Armenia, I will always cherish the memories I have of Serbia. This program provided me with some wonderful experiences that I will never forget. I now have a deeper respect for Serbia and its people, and I am so happy that a part of my life was spent here. I very much appreciate the opportunity that Stonehill College and the Victimology Society were able to provide to me through this program. Thank you to everybody at the Victimology Society for such a wonderful experience that I will treasure forever.