

## A Testimonial from a Student

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My name is **Javier** and I am 16 years old. First of all, I would like to thank **ATAD** for giving me the great opportunity of being part of their exchange program. This experience was great, I got the chance to meet new people from different cultures in a much different country than mine. Also, I got the opportunity of practicing and improving my English skills while being part of a native speaking family.

In my case, I went to Webster, New York, which was a suburban town near Ontario Lake. In this place there were a lot of different things to do with my friends and my host family. As well, the experience of attending Webster Thomas high school, and finally I

have to tell that Webster was a great place to ride my bike and I enjoyed it because I used to ride my bike to any place I needed to go, like school or a friend's house.

My host family was great! Their last name was Kennedy. I didn't have any host brothers my age, but that didn't keep me away from having a great experience. My host family love theater and music as much as I do, so we used to go to concerts and to school plays a lot, which was one of my favorite things to do; also we traveled to different places around the US and I even went to the Jazz Festival in New Orleans. My family was really interesting, they were really kind and they helped me a lot with different things, like music or with my school homework. They'll always be in my heart!



I really enjoyed my time with them and I think this experience was more than a simple exchange program. I think that more people should be encouraged to take opportunities like this. I can honestly say that this exchange program has not only be one of the best experiences I have had in my life, but it has also changed my perspective about life and many other things as well, for that reason I will always be thankful.