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Living in Switzerland made me feel very grateful for my life. Since I come from Mexico-City, I deeply appreciate nature. Having a view of the lake from my room, the classrooms, the cafeteria and the train didn't make me tired of it at all. On the contrary, staring at so much beauty I couldn't avoid thinking how lucky Swiss people are. Yes they don't have enough sun, palms or beaches, but they have such beautiful lakes, forests, mountains, little towns with Heidi houses, cows with big bells and flowers.

But it was not only the obvious beauty of the landscape which impressed me the most. The small everyday details like punctuality and security also made me wonder all the time: how is it that everything in this country works so per-

fectly? It is not possible to answer this question in just one line, but I guess politicians here must be doing something right. And of course, Switzerland's population is very conscious of their environment as well as local and international issues. They get involved, not only by voting but also by living according to their principals and consciously making every decision. This consciousness is of course the product of a good education, something which was demonstrated in the classrooms at the ZHAW, where all the lessons were very interesting and practical. When I told people that I was going to do an ERASMUS semester in Switzerland, they kept telling how expensive it would be, and they were right, but the happy memories are priceless.

I will never forget my days in Switzerland: the days I learned to ski, a hiking trip to Mount San Salvatore, taking a picture of Toblerone, trying bio-Wädenswiler beer, eating raclette, swimming in the cold Zürichsee and in a cold pool while it was snowing, getting wet in the fountain in Geneva, and best of all: sharing these memories with people from all over the world. I loved this natural, multicultural, friendly country and I hope to come back. ●