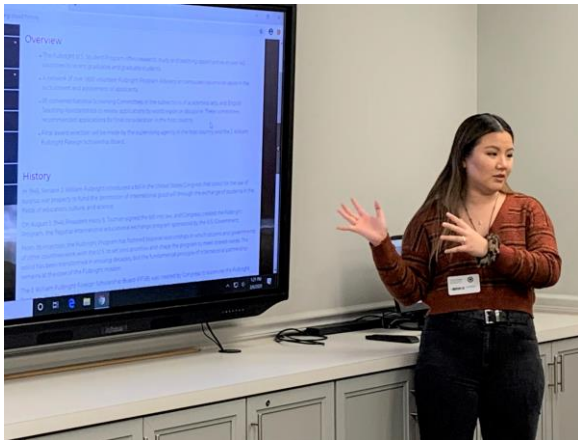


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Harrisburg Academy Graduate Heads to Brazil as a Fulbright Scholar



Rachel Duong graduated from Harrisburg Academy in 2015, attended Lebanon Valley College and graduated from there in June 2019. Rachel visited our campus on February 6th to meet with our Upper School students to talk about her college experience and share with them the application process for her upcoming Fulbright Scholar placement in Brazil.

Rachel left for Brazil on Monday, February 10th. She has been assigned as an English teaching assistant at a small university, living on her own with another Fulbright recipient in the same position. She speaks Spanish, but no Portuguese, and expressed to our Upper School students her trepidation at undertaking this teaching position. Duong explained that only a few years ago she wouldn't have dreamed of taking such a risk—living and working in a country that is culturally and linguistically beyond her comfort zone—but thanks to her experience at Lebanon Valley College and Harrisburg Academy, her confidence in her abilities has greatly increased.

She shared the extensive process for applying to the Fulbright Scholarship program with our students who were appreciative and compelled by her experiences. Rachel hopes to do a video blog about the next nine months in Brazil. We look forward to hearing more from Rachel in the future, and are proud to add Rachel to our growing list of noteworthy Alumni!