

A letter from a Host Family:

My family had always thought hosting a high school exchange student would be a fun experience. We wanted to create a welcoming home and share our family's traditions. We stumbled upon Student Ambassador Exchange last summer and applied!

I can only imagine how anxious the student must have been because we were very anxious for his arrival. We were worried about how the student would adjust to our home and lifestyle. So many questions arose. Would we be able to communicate easily? How should we set up ground rules? Should we give the student space? Our Program Coordinator with SAE Global helped ease our anxiety by answering our questions thoroughly. They explained that both our family and the student would receive an orientation about expectations. SAE Global also ensured us the students in the program must have good grades and discipline to become a part of the program.

SAE Global allowed us to view student profiles and select a student based on our preferences. We selected Adrian based on common interests, age, and gender. Adrian arrived September 3rd, 2018 and quickly found a place in our hearts. He was exceptional in school and sought help when needed. We have enjoyed introducing him to our favorite spots like the local ice cream shop and hiking trails. Adrian was open to sharing his home country's traditions and customs too. We learned about Spanish holidays, sayings, food, and so much more. It was interesting to see the similarities and differences between the two countries. As host parents, we embraced the challenges and felt accomplished by the success of the year!

Although it is sad to see Adrian leave to go home. We have built a bond that will last a lifetime. We are looking forward to visiting him and his family in Spain next year. We encourage anyone considering an International Exchange Program to take the leap. It is an enriching cultural experience for all members of the family!

Sincerely,

The Miller Family