

# 5 DAYS. A BREATHTAKING LOCATION. AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE.

Everything about the Edmerica Summer School

## A life changing experience

The Edmerica Summer School had a huge impact on me. Now I look at my future and I see things in a different perspective. I can see myself in a couple of years from now on as a student in America, enjoying my life and discovering a little bit of myself every single day. After this experience, I feel much more confident with myself because now I know what I want to do and I am motivated to do everything it takes to make my dreams come true.



## How I found out about the Edmerica Summer School

It was a warm sunny day when I was chilling out on a park bench in the heart of my hometown, Ploiesti. I was listening to music, as usually, when i decided to check my mailbox after I hadn't done it in a couple of days. Nothing seemed to catch my attention until I saw an email about universities abroad and about Edmerica. I kept receiving this kind of interesting messages after I went to RIUF (Romanian International University Fair) back in March. However, I hadn't heard of Edmerica before, so I was really curious to find out what it was about. Once I read everything I needed to know about the summer school which was about to take place in one of the most beautiful places in the mountains, Moieciu de Sus (Brasov), I enthusiastically completed my application form.





## What I learned during the summer school

Some of the most interesting things that I learned about are:

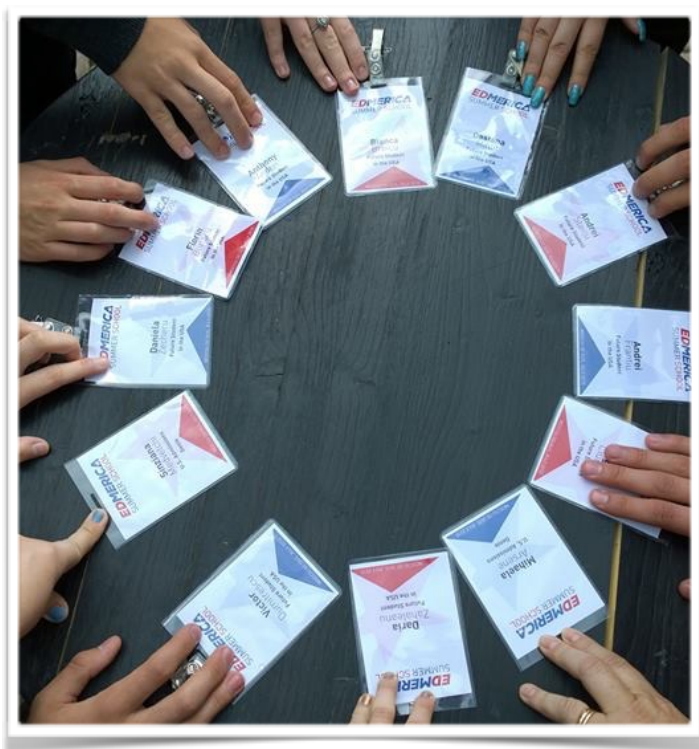
- ◆ *how to apply to a college in America*
- ◆ *how to choose the most suitable university*
- ◆ *about SAT's, TOEFL and other important exams*
- ◆ *how to write a great personal statement*
- ◆ *the importance of extracurricular activities in our personal/ professional development*
- ◆ *how a recommendation letter can influence an admission officer's opinion about you*
- ◆ *types of financial aid for international students: scholarships, loans and on/off campus jobs*

## The Edmerica adventure

Though we had a really busy schedule, busier than I could have imagined to be honest, I enjoyed every single day I spent in the heart of the mountains. The location was absolutely breathtaking and fortunately we had most of our activities outside, so we could both enjoy the beauty that nature had to offer and the entertaining and useful activities.



I got into touch with other people who somehow have the same interests as I do. The first thing we did as soon as we all gathered in a room (which had previously been prepared for us) was to share our own experiences and thus we got to know each other better. After 10 strangers all brought together by a common dream became a team, we were introduced to the american educational system. What strikes me the most about this kind of educational system is that it is totally different from what we have here in Romania. Students in America have a lot of opportunities that help them use their potential as much as possible and thus become better and better: gaining work experience through jobs and internships while socialising and enjoying their spare time through cultural clubs such as theatre, dance or musical groups. Everything is possible there, you just have to know how to get the best out of everything, yourself included.



Our amazing Edmerica counsellors gave us the chance to explore universities in America through beautifully made presentations, team activities and webinars. We talked to romanian students that are currently in America and we got a better picture of the life they have there.

The evenings were interesting as well as entertaining. We had a lot of fun while watching „Dead Poets Society”, a movie that I hadn't even heard of before but that taught me an important lesson: never be afraid to follow your heart. The last night we spent there was a special “bonfire” night. We stood by the fire, listening to some of our talented colleagues who played guitar for us, and we shared our summer school impressions.

***I am truly grateful for the opportunity I was given when I took part in the Edmerica summer school. I can say it changed my life in a way, because now I have all the information I need to get ready for a long journey that leads me to my dream college in America. I have always wanted to live, at some point in my life, in a big city like Los Angeles or New York and pursue a career in business management in a challenging field like music industry, but why not also study there? I believe now more than ever that America is the right place for me, and I cannot wait to see my dreams come true.***



