What Comes Next?
By Chrisbell Jimenez Sosa ’17

As the end of the school year approaches for students at the College, it can be difficult for students who have completed their four years as an undergraduate to decide what will be the next journey they will embark on. Will you apply to graduate school? Should you look for jobs? Maybe take a mini vacation? For Senior Quadirah Bell ’16, the opportunity to continue her education seemed relentless and a chance that she could not turn down. After asking her to share her experience, Quadirah admits that it was a really hard decision for her to turn down some of her “top choice” schools that she got admitted to.

“After researching many schools, I decided to apply to Bloomsburg University, Kutztown University, West Chester University, and Temple University. Campus faculty, including my advisor Professor Lair, provided me advice and wrote me letters of recommendation.”

Three weeks after submitting my applications, I found out that I was accepted to all four schools. I was left with a tough decision, I spoke with people back home and Professor Lair (my advisor) about choosing a school. On the final day to make a decision, I submitted my enrollment deposit to Temple University. In fall 2016, I will start my journey of pursing a master’s degree in Educational Leadership with a concentration in higher education."

Quadirah shares that the program prepares individuals to take on leadership roles in fields of education. It has a social justice framework and focus on issues such as ethics, diversity and inclusive environments.

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Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference Spring ’16
By Jenny Enos ’18

Seven students presented their research at the 2016 ESS conference year:

- Chrisbell Jimenez ’17 and Katie Aloisi ’16, “Age Preferences: Online Dating in the Dominican Republic”
- Keyana Moody ’17 “Singapore Dating Preferences Among Men”
- Xiunan Yu ’18 “Chinese Online Dating: Sex difference in Chinese Online Advertisers’ Age and Height Preferences”
- Raichl Davenport ’17 “Online Dating Patterns of Women in Singapore”
- Cheery Huang ’17 “Representations of Barrio Chino in Buenos Aires: A Representation of Chineseness and the Chinese Diaspora”
- Kimberly Longfellow ’16, “Concentration Camps Interpreted: Theoretical Discourse versus
Chrisbell Jimenez, Katie Aloisi, and Cheery Huang presented their research during a round-table discussion session as well. Overall, the conference was very successful for Professor Phua’s group of students, who unanimously thought the weekend spent in Boston was an excellent learning experience.

“Being in a round table with people who had their PhDs and Masters was very intimidating. I would have never thought that I was going to be in that position at such an early stage in my undergraduate career. However, something that I really appreciated about being in the round table was all the positive feedback we got back on our research for Online Dating in the Dominican Republic. Overall it was an amazing experience for me and although I was a nerve wreck the whole time, I wouldn’t want to miss another opportunity to be part of it again.” — Chrisbell Jimenez ‘17

“By going through the process of turning my research into a poster and fielding questions about it, I got a lot of practice synthesizing my research into a coherent narrative and making it accessible to others. This experience was extremely helpful practice and preparation for my future presentation of my Honors Thesis to the Sociology Department at the end of the semester.” — Kimberly Longfellow ‘16

“After sitting in at a round table and listening to graduate students and students who came from Gettysburg speak about their research they have done, I realized that when presenting quantitative research, there needs to be a story behind why is that information important. I was pretty well versed in explaining the data I have compiled, but what makes your research richer is the story, and the reason why people should know about it. The biggest things I took away from the conference is that you can never be too prepared and if you believe in the research that you have done then it makes it believable to everyone else.” — Keyana Moody ‘17
method of medicine in Buenos Aires CABA (Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires) does the Chinese population prefers to use: western or traditional medicine? And my topic for IBC is the Chinese Diaspora in Barrio Chino (Chinatown) in Buenos Aires. I was able to link the immigration of Chinese immigrants in Buenos Aires to the development of Barrio Chino. Because of my ISP, I had to interview the Chinese population throughout Buenos Aires mostly in supermarkets and the hospitals I visited from workers to doctors and even students who were born and raised in Buenos Aires. From this experience and when I visited Barrio Chino myself, I have learned that the majority of the Chinese population does not concentrate living or working in Barrio Chino, but they live throughout Buenos Aires mostly in business opening supermarkets, restaurants and laundromats. Barrio Chino is not a typical chinatown, but it is a very famous tourist attraction for everyone who visits Buenos Aires. There are also Argentine, Japanese and Thai cuisines in Barrio Chino. Chinatown is only two blocks by two blocks radius; therefore, it is very small compared to other chinatowns I visited in New York and in San Francisco. The majority of all the buildings were snack shops, Chinese supermarkets, restaurants and souvenir shops. There were only a few residential houses or closed gates, a mini shopping mall, which is really a big building with many small shops in it and buildings that look like a church or an association. There is also a fast argentine food cafe the moment you stepped through the gate. Most of the signs on the streets and buildings have both languages: Chinese and Spanish, while some simply were Spanish only. Some of the stores also did not have a sign, but you can see from outside what they do or sell through the clear glass windows and doors. Not all shops and restaurants were open during a certain time. Because it is a culture in Argentina, where they open for lunch till 3pm the latest and closed again till 8pm or 9pm for dinner. People in Argentina eat very late for dinner. Overall, I had a great experience in Buenos Aires because I saw a fusion between the Chinese and Argentine cultures in Barrio Chino.
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