Mexico
1962-2011
 Mérida 2011
“I am very touched by this e-mail and the fact that you know that I am an alum. The summer of 1979 was a life-changing event for me - I now continue to encourage my Spanish students to apply to the program. I would like to support my students directly as they apply. Not that sharing with the group as a whole is not of great value, but since I am a Spanish teacher, I have the opportunity to directly assist my students.

Thank you so much for everything this program has provided to me. I will forever encourage my students to apply.” Mary Qualls Grossling, SLP 1979

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“I was a student in the IU Honors Program for High School Students in San Luis Potosi in the summer of 1980. I'm really glad to see you all are still doing this. 28 years later and I _still_ use language skills that I learned then when I do patient care, as well as what I learned about Mexico and the people who live there. Keep up the good work.” Bob Young, SLP 1980
Programa de Honor de la Universidad de Indiana
San Luis Potosí, Verano 2006
“The experience was one in a million, and if I had the chance I would do it again!”
Amber Elzer, Mérida 2011

“My favorite memory of last summer was within my first week in Mérida when I accidentally locked myself outside of my house and tried to use a bobby pin to open the door, yet the bobby pin ended up getting stuck and I had to yell to my host sister to help me pull it out. As embarrassed as I was, that incident broke the ice between my family and me. I learned that everyone will come back having made stupid mistakes and will have embarrassing stories, but you learn so much in the process. I came back having learned so much about a language, about a culture, and about myself that I’ll remember and use forever.”
Hannah Zimmerman, Mérida 2011
"What a wonderful summer in San Luis Potosi - we really learned Spanish from our host families and especially from Sra. Dickinson, and we learned to love Mexican food and culture. This was a truly formative experience for all of us - I can still sing a lot of the words to "Yo soy de San Luis Potosi"!! Brad Stoner, SLP 1976

SLP 1986
Mérida 2011
SLP 2006
“I really can't put that into words. Of all the students that applied to be in that group, I am so honored that I was selected as one of the few to actually go. It was my first long-term stay out of the country, and I had no one to speak English to. I learned so much that summer; Mexican culture, how to not be home sick, and who I am as a person. I feel like that trip gave me the confidence to peruse more in the Spanish language, and I am not finishing my minor in Spanish at IUPUI and am applying to be an interpreter at IU Health (something I would have NEVER done). I still keep in touch with a few of the students who went with me- some of them have even returned to SLP on their own to visit their host families. I suggest this excellent program to anyone who is even slightly interested in learning another language- you can never get too far out of your comfort zone!“

Jennifer Egler, SLP

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“I don't think the Honors Program could have come at a better time for me. When you're 17, you're in this strange transitioning phase where you have to go apply for colleges, and plan on moving out of your parents house. Not only did the program make a huge improvement in my language skills (I was a consistently B, B- Spanish student before the program), but it was the perfect aid in helping me transition into college. I recommend the program to every high school student I know.” Andrew Cambron, SLP
Donna J. Sanders, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Sanders of Indianapolis, Ind., and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence, North Horrell Avenue, has been awarded a scholarship to study in Mexico.

Miss Sanders, a junior at the Speedway High School in Indianapolis, won the scholarship on the basis of tests for the Honors Program in Foreign Languages sponsored by the University of Indiana. She will study the Spanish language for eight weeks beginning June 11 at a school in San Luis Potosi in Mexico.
SLP 2005
SLP 2010
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