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Throughout my life, I have experienced several stimulating changes in my social environment. The first one came about when I got a scholarship from ISMART to study in a private high school at Sorocaba. When I started my studies there, I found myself having to adapt to new dynamics, such as new friendships and new study routines; it was an entirely different reality. Through this experience I learned more than I had ever imagined, and having to adapt to a new life while discovering how it all worked changed me in unimaginable positive ways. I began to question myself about things that I had never thought could be wrong, inquiring not only about the ways in which the world works, but also about how people of different social classes act.

While I continued to live in the same city, where people's cultural backgrounds changed little, I grew substantially from this experience. I am sure that this has been a major factor in the figuring of my worldview today, enabling me to achieve many of the things I have accomplished until now. I cannot help but wonder how much more change will come from studying abroad. Being fully immersed in another culture will allow me to draw new social and cultural connections. I hope to accomplish this by exploring Italy and other European countries, and visiting museums and other tourist areas. If I am fortunate enough of receiving this scholarship, I will be able to experience more of the world than I have ever done. Elemer Hantos' biography resonated with me due to his concern about bringing different countries together, promoting not only economic, but also social harmony. Through intellectual exchange and respect, people are able to understand one another, and conflicts become less likely to arise. I have no doubt that by promoting this immersion opportunity to people without the financial means of doing it on their own, Elemer Hantos' family are making the world more understanding, and people more caring with others, without even having to know them.

This social immersion will undoubtedly change once again the way in which I see the global society. Moreover, it will allow me to develop greater level of empathy for the people living in different realities than my own, which can only be achieved when you experience their culture in a meaningful and profound way.

At the same time, having this unfold while at a university as great as Bocconi will introduce me to new and exciting academic experiences. Surely, it will be a key point in my pursue of a PhD abroad, allowing me to see if this is really the path I wish to follow. As Bocconi is one of the best universities in the world for Economics, it will also be a distinguishing point in my curriculum as I apply for graduate programs.

Furthermore, Bocconi, having an amazing exchange program and being a global university, will grant me the opportunity to exchange knowledge with people from all over the world. I will be able to leave a piece of me in Europe while bringing back everything I can gather from this experience, of which the value I cannot even put into words.