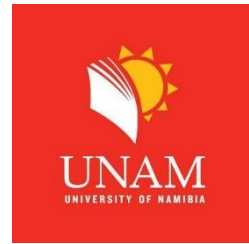




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I am Gowaseb Nostradamus currently a 3rd-year student of Political Science studying at the Czech Republic University of Hradec Kralove (UHK). Before leaving for my trip I was excited and fearful at the same time. I could not wait to embark on all of the adventures that I knew Czech Republic could offer, but I was afraid of not knowing anyone, being alone, and partaking in most Erasmus events.

I experienced new and amazing things during my stay. Czechia is, without a doubt, the experience of a lifetime. Living on your own for five months, dealing with situations without the help of parents or anyone else you would typically go to when at home, really makes you grow up in a way you wouldn't for at least a few more years. I am so much older than I was before I had gone abroad, thanks to the tons of traveling all over Europe and within the Czech Republic and the people and amazing students, I am so lucky to meet while here from all over the world.

Studying in Czechia taught me a lot about myself and provided me with a viewpoint that I would not have had otherwise or would not have formed until much later. I formed friendships that are so close that I would call them family, and I have memories that I will cherish until the end of time, whether it's hiking, skiing, athletics, snowball fights, amazing parties, and academic programs, church, swimming, lakes, all while balancing my academics because that is the main reason I came here to expand my knowledge, and knowledge is power.

Let me leave you with these words If I can do it so can you, nothing is impossible to achieve believe in yourself aim high and do all things with God and for his glory, let God be the center of your life and academic journeys.



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