

## **Sophia Hatchitt, Kafuu Resort Fuchaka, Okinawa, Japan, Internship Summer 2015**

### **Tell us about your years at Rosen College?**

I only spent a short amount of time at Rosen, two years, as I was a transfer student. However, I made the most of my time short time there. I took the classes that interested me, studied abroad, interned abroad and interned at VisitOrlando and TravelClick. All of my internships were through Rosen College.

### **What was your most memorable experience on campus? Off campus?**

My most memorable experience on campus was taking the interesting classes such as Destination Management as well as participating in Rosen Life where I met one of my best friends; we recently reunited in Japan as she lives there now. My most memorable experience off campus was interning at VisitOrlando and getting to attend fun and exciting events all over the city.

### **How was your internship? Good points/bad points?**

In interned at Kafuu Resort Fuchaka in Okinawa, Japan in the Summer of 2015. I was there from May until the end of August. My international internship in Okinawa, Japan allowed me to experience living abroad in a fun and safe setting. I was able to build my resume and meet amazing people. I chose this internship because I had always wanted to work abroad and I had never been to Japan so I thought it would be a new adventure.

### **How was the internship experience valuable for you and why?**

The internship experience gave me the confidence I needed to study abroad in Asia, I worked in Hong Kong too, as well the confidence to work abroad in Singapore, where I live now. It also opened my eyes to a new and interesting culture.

**What words of advice would you give to students considering an international internship?** Go with an open mind, don't sweat the small stuff, and live in the moment (it goes by sooo fast)

Sophia now lives and works on the other side of the globe. I graduated in August 2016 and moved to Singapore in September 2016 to work as an Account Manager for TravelClick. TravelClick sells software solutions for hotels and all of my clients are based in Australia/New Zealand so I am fortunate enough to travel there for work occasionally.







