

# Down Under experience pays off for MC senior

*Senior Beth Jamison makes most of studying abroad in Sydney, Australia, during the fall semester.*

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**M**arietta College senior **Beth Jamison** benefited so much from her experience of studying abroad during the 2003 fall semester, she almost wishes she were still in Sydney, Australia.

However, the Seville, Ohio, native is back on campus for her final semester at Marietta, a liberal arts college in southeastern Ohio. Jamison studied at Macquarie University in Sydney.

"I would recommend studying abroad in Sydney because it gives you the opportunity to meet new people," said Jamison, the daughter of **Charles** and **Joan Jamison** of Seville. "It's a good experience, if you have the time I suggest you look into Macquarie University and the city of Sydney in general."

Jamison selected Macquarie because she wanted to go to Australia and the university seemed to be the best fit for her. "All my classes were online so it gave me more free time to enjoy Sydney outside the classroom."

Out of the 1,150 full-time students enrolled at Marietta College, Jamison was the only one to study abroad at MacQuarie. However, many MC students have studied at the university in recent years. Macquarie University is looked at being a pioneer in Australia's higher education system, with innovative ideas about university teaching and research.

Jamison, a graduate of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, is majoring in Environmental Science. She is also minoring in both Biology and Geology as she plans to graduate on May 9.

After graduation Jamison said she would



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Marietta College senior Beth Jamison enjoyed studying in Sydney, Australia during the fall semester. Jamison will graduate with a degree in Environmental Science in May. Marietta College encourages students to study abroad to participate in a number of opportunities for educational study outside the College.

like to go to Ireland and get her master's degree. She made these plans after her experience studying abroad. She says she would like to meet up with some of the people she met in Sydney.

Marietta College encourages its students to study abroad to participate in a number of opportunities for educational study outside the college, which do not interrupt their affiliation with the College. Marietta has established formal relationships with several national and foreign institutions, which makes it easy for students to find a place to go. The College considers approved study abroad programs as an extension of its campus and transfers grades earned without question.