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"First of all, I would like to thank Caucasus University and the Erasmus+ program for this opportunity. I have always wanted to participate in an exchange program to get to know another country's culture, traditions, values and student life.

At first, I was very worried about what kind of environment I would find, but all this turned out to be unfounded. I am currently in Viterbo, Italy, living in a student dormitory. 11th century buildings are still preserved in the city. The Tuscia University building was built in 1244 and is so impressive that it is like traveling back in time.

I study at the Faculty of Business Administration. I would like to distinguishing Marketing and Big Data Analytics from the subjects, because the students are actively involved in the course of the lecture. Also, I really like that we often have guest lecturers who share their experiences with us.

The University of Tuscia held a so-called Welcome week for international students, which helped the students adapt and establish new contacts. The student association, ASES Viterbo, organizes various fun and educational activities for foreign students every week, including excursions to the beautiful towns of the Viterbo region.

I made friends of different nationalities. In order to better familiarize my foreign friends with Georgian culture and traditions, I had organized a Georgian evening with my friends. They had the opportunity to taste Georgian dishes and learn about our national song and dance. Of course, everyone was impressed.

In my free time, I try to visit different Italian cities, museums and taste local dishes. I often watch Napoli games with my friends and support Khvicha Kvaratskhelia. I would like to mention that almost everyone in Italy knows about Kvaratskhelia and when they find out that I am Georgian, they show great love and positivity towards Georgia and Georgians.

I think every student should try to participate in the exchange program. In addition to the fact that they will acquire unforgettable memories, it will help them to get to know the culture and traditions of a foreign country, to make new friends, to develop and grow personally. They will learn how to deal with different challenges, adapt to a foreign environment and become more independent."