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"Spain was my second exchange semester from Caucasus University. After studying in Warsaw, Poland, I went straight to Madrid, Spain, to attend Alcala University.

Spain has always been one of my dream destinations for studying and living due to its vibrant culture and architecture, which aligns with my passion and field of study. Studying in Spain was entirely different from my experiences in Georgia and Poland. Their teaching approach focuses much more on creativity than in Eastern Europe, which helped me see my profession from a completely new perspective.

Student life in Madrid is absolutely incredible. I met and exchanged cultures with people from every continent. Studying at Alcala University offers the best of both worlds—since Alcala is a relatively small district, you get a genuine Spanish experience while still enjoying Madrid's multicultural city center. You'll never get bored! If the Spanish aren't having a siesta, they're at a fiesta.

Outside of university, Madrid offers thousands of opportunities for lectures and workshops, where I learned so much. It's also an incredible place to learn new languages—my English and Spanish have both improved tremendously.

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I encourage everyone to sign up for the Erasmus+ exchange program. You have nothing to lose! Don't be afraid of the process or fear rejection—you never know what opportunities await. This will be a lifelong experience for every student!"