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To all students who may be interested in Studying Abroad in the world of Education this program is for you! Not only do you experience language immersion, a new culture, and all new scenery but you are able to make international connections with other students, faculty, and staff. Living just outside of Madrid was an eye opener and an enlightening experience to how education is perceived and sought after around the world. Your school schedule for student teaching is fantastic as you can fully dive into your new school eight hours a day and in the evenings and on the weekends, you have plenty of free time to travel, explore, or relax. Thanks in part to this scholarship I was able to experience some fantastic memories while studying abroad in Spain and I truly hope that other students at Illinois State will be able to have similar experiences. I wanted to take this time to thank ISU for offering such a wonderful opportunity and program while also helping students financially achieve some of their lifelong goals. My last piece of advice for students who are looking into the Alcalá student teaching experience in Madrid, is to just do it I promise you it's worth it! The people are wonderfully nice and helpful, and you can really go about your life in a new way from a new perspective while still trying to accomplish goals you have laid out for yourself in the United States. Try it out, learn something new, and gain new prospective as well as learning a little something new about yourself!