

Mi Casa Es El Mundo:

The poster I designed for the Alpha Mu Gamma Poster Contest is a mixed media piece: watercolor and pen and ink. The concept for the design originates from a quote by Edward de Waal, “With languages you are at home anywhere,” that I stumbled upon in a search for inspiration.

I felt that this saying encapsulated the essence of National Foreign Language Week, highlighting that with an expanse of knowledge endless possibilities await you. I also believe it is a testament to the importance of learning new languages and exploring foreign cultures, as inclusivity can make the world a ‘home’ for all its inhabitants.

To bring these words to life, I designed a landscape in which the city skyline bleeds into peaks of mountains, representing the connection between different parts of the world that share the same language.

Biography:

My name is Emily Hellwig, I am eighteen years old and I live in a small town in Virginia called Lexington. I spend most of my time in the dance studio—I was a dancer with the pre-professional ballet company The Rockbridge Ballet for five years. Throughout my high school career I also took art classes, which fostered my love for all media types (especially watercolor and pen and ink).

During my education I actively pursued my love of languages, taking Spanish (levels I to VI) for seven years and French (levels I and II) for two years. I am very appreciative of my Spanish teacher Profesora St. Clair, who encouraged me to enter this poster contest and who I was fortunate enough to have taught me both Spanish (levels III through VI) and French (level I).

In the fall I will attend Wake Forest University. There I hope to utilize their liberal studies curriculum to continue pursuing dance, art, and various languages, and one day make anywhere around the world my home.