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Asheville residents Kelsey Raines and Hannah Haynes enjoying the 3-D experience of Joshua Spiceland's artwork.

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that, when worn, reacted with the pastel colors and drawings on the mural and paintings. Watson said these 3-D glasses are not something to pass up.

"There is an added component with the 3-D glasses," Watson said. "You get your first impression of everything, and then with the glasses you get to go back and see it all again in a different way. The one that popped out to me is the bearded gentleman. There is just something about the way he is able to blend the oils together. I really like it a lot."

Watson recommends this show, and said it definitely demonstrates the talent of local artists.

David Acord, a local patron of the Asheville Area Arts Council, said this show really surprised him. Interested in art, Acord said he got more than he expected at this show.

"I was amazed when I walked in the door," Acord said. "I've never seen anything like it. His uses of patterns are amazing. The colors are vibrant and all just kind of blend into each other."

"It's interesting how he blended the mural into his individual pieces too," Acord said. "It really looks cool and gives a new dimension to the artwork. You really have to check it out with the glasses. It gives it a totally different aspect. It's something I haven't really seen before."

## 'I was terrified in the beginning:' From Asheville to Angers

### *Student overcomes language barrier*

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### → Travelogue

Last semester I was fortunate enough to study abroad in a small town in France called Angers, about an hour and a half south of Paris.

I took off late in September and spent a week traveling around Paris and Normandy before hopping on a train to meet my host mother. I got to my room in the attic after miraculously getting my 40-some-pound suitcase up three flights of 200-year-old stairs.

I settled onto my tiny bed and finally realized the fact my vacation was complete. I was facing three months in a strange country that spoke a language I was not completely comfortable with. I called it an early night and woke up the next day to get to the university for a placement test, tour of the city and information session.

While walking around Angers, I was talking to a few others from UNC Asheville when other people heard us speaking Eng-

lish and came over to chat.

Suddenly, life-long friendships were made from, "You speak English? I speak English!" My fear started to disappear. I had a good group of people who were in the same situation as I was and knew exactly what I was going through.

Soon, my classes started. As my language improved, I was finally comfortable performing simple tasks such as going to the grocery store, buying train tickets and speaking to people in school who were not fluent in English. While I was terrified in the beginning, getting over my fear allowed me to experience the best three months of my life.

In the beginning, I was scared to open my mouth, and now that I am home, I find myself searching for opportunities to practice my French. I cannot recommend a study abroad experience enough.



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Amelia Miller-MacDonald poses in front of the Eiffel Tower.