

Chinese government this past summer, and when I told Pfizer about that, I was automatically hired. Just one experience can help you significantly."

In the meantime, Wada is excited to use the business skills he's learned at Elon to work in sales and negotiations at Pfizer. He'll not only be doing work related to his major, but he'll also be working with medical professionals in his ideal type of work atmosphere.

"You actually see people, since sales involves meeting people every day," Wada said. "I wanted to do something professional and more upscale, and Pfizer is allowing me to do that."

### Preparing for a new experience

Though these seniors are more than excited to be living abroad, that doesn't mean they're completely comfortable with the idea yet, especially due to inevitable language barriers.

"I'll be completely lost at first because of the language barrier (in Moldova)," Brawerman said. "But my favorite thing about myself is that I just can't feel awkwardness, so I won't be afraid to talk to

people, even though I may not speak their language."

Not only is language a potential issue, but also the fact that most of the students are moving to countries they've never visited before. Luckily for Pulliam, he's been to Spain and knows what to expect if he decides to accept the internship in Barcelona. But going to graduate school in Hungary will be a whole new experience.

"I've never been to Budapest, but I know it will be cold, so I'll definitely be purchasing a new winter coat," Pulliam said. "I'm going to take advantage of everything I can – even though I'll be very cold."

Though Carr's move to Italy will serve as her first time abroad, she has family members who recently moved to Malaysia, and their smooth transition into living in a different country has helped calm her nerves.

"They've adjusted really well and have nice neighbors, so I guess seeing people I've known my whole life get accustomed to the culture so well has put me at ease," Carr said. "I mean, I came to Elon not knowing anyone, so I figured if I can do it for college then I can do it for the real world."

As far as making plans for entering the 'real world,' Carr thinks it's not always

mandatory to have concrete plans, nor do you have to do what you originally intended to do when you came to Elon. Carr said she always thought she was going to major in political science and go to law school, but she ended up majoring in psychology and accepting the teaching position in Italy instead.

"I wanted to take time off from school to slow down and enjoy being in my early 20s and living," she said. "And sometimes you can find something in the least expected ways. I never expected to be moving abroad, so I think you can find something that suits you in the end."

And for Brawerman, he believes students sometimes put too much emphasis on having a plan and end up accepting jobs they don't truly want. His biggest piece of advice for ensuring happiness after graduation is to never settle, and to make sure to do something only if you're guaranteed to be completely content with it.

"Just because our four years are coming to an end and just because we've worked hard for four years, why stop now?" he said. "We should continue to have fun and work hard no matter what we're doing."

## Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

"No idea. I try to take it year by year because so many things change, but I would like to have my own place in a very cool city and a job that I love. And I'll have a dog. I know that for sure."

"I'll hopefully be living in the United Kingdom to go for graduate school. Plus, I visited England once and it's a nice country. The food is horrible, but I can manage."

"I would love to see myself in my second tour as a diplomat for the U.S. State Department."

"It's hard to say. The ball is in my court to pick and choose where I go after Italy, and I like that my options are open. If I wind up back in North Carolina, I'd like to go to graduate school or continue working with children."

