



**Gabrielle Sullivan** has had two chances to study abroad during her Pointer journey.

First, she traced the origins of writers, including Charles Dickens, John Keats, and William Shakespeare, in the summer study abroad trip, London High and Low. She said the trip provided opportunities to get to know her trip leader, professor Robert Sirabian, English.

Did you know? 21 percent of our bachelor's degree recipients have studied abroad, a higher percentage than at other Universities of Wisconsin campuses.

The senior **English: Writing, Editing, Publishing major** from Waupaca next traveled to Ireland to enroll for a study abroad semester.

“It was challenging and fulfilling all at the same time,” she said. Sullivan and seven others from UW-Stevens Point took classes for spring semester at the University of Limerick, a large university in southwest Ireland.

Back on campus, Sullivan says the biggest resource she used as a first-year student was the Tutoring Learning Center. She asked her peers to review her essays and she said she got feedback that helped her writing on a weekly basis. This past year, Sullivan then served as a peer writing tutor.

For her high achievement in the Department of English, Sullivan received the 2023-2024 Distinguished Achievement Continuing Student Award. She looks forward to her coursework in the student-run Cornerstone Press this academic year and interning for the Midwest Review where she will gain insights into publishing as a career. She hopes to continue honing her skills in creative writing, perhaps pursuing graduate studies.

“For me it’s okay to exit the bubble you’ve been living in,” said Sullivan. “You don’t have to define yourself from your old background.”

