

# Foreign Exchange



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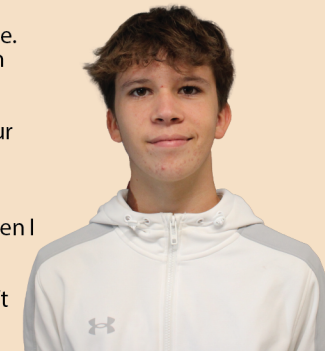
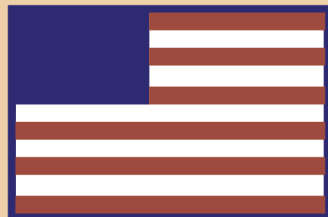
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Learn more about two foreign exchange students at Conestoga!

Senior Annagiulia Ferretti, a foreign exchange student from Milan, Italy, is excited to spend time at Conestoga while studying abroad. Ferretti was initially interested in the program because she wanted to experience American high school firsthand after watching American TV shows while growing up in Italy. Ferretti enjoys the opportunity that studying abroad gives her to improve her English and meet new people.



Junior Gonzalo Ruiz de la Peña Canseco is a foreign exchange student from Oviedo, Spain. Inspired by his older sister, who was a foreign exchange student at Conestoga two years ago, Ruiz de la Peña Canseco also applied to study abroad. At Conestoga, Ruiz de la Peña Canseco plays for the boys junior varsity soccer team and is excited for his Coding class second semester. He hopes experiencing American culture will help him become more open-minded.



Q: How are you liking Conestoga so far?

A: I like it so much because Conestoga is very big. It has a lot of people who are very nice. I prefer Spain, but I like (the U.S.) so much.

Q: What is something you like about high school in the United States?

A: In Spain, people are more close-minded. For example, in high school in Spain, I can't use my phone. I can't have AirPods. I can't eat, so in that way I prefer the USA.

Q: What is a difference between your daily schedule in Spain and the United States?

A: It's different here because all the days are the same. I go to school, then I have practice, then I go home. In Spain, it's different because I have classes, but in the afternoons, I don't always have practice.

Q: What is a difference between Italy and the United States?

A: In Italy, school is from 8 to 2, and we don't have lunch in school. We have lunch after school, and it's always at 3 p.m. Here, there is lunch in the school, and you also have free periods. In Italy, we don't have that.

Q: What do you miss most from Italy?

A: My food. The pizza and the pasta. Here, they are not too good. The pasta is always overcooked, so I don't really like it.

Q: What is something that surprised you when you first got here?

A: Americans don't care about fashion. I saw people coming (to school) with pajamas. In Italy, if you do something like that, you go to the principal. In Italy, everyone wants to have the newest clothes.

Oviedo, Spain

Milan, Italy

