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“After being in Berlin, Germany for one semester this past spring, I learned a considerable amount about German politics, history and culture. Being able to actually meet one of Germany's past presidents furthered and deepened that knowledge about the country in a unique way that not many students can take advantage of.”

— Maria Capotescu '12 Psychology, German

“Being an engineer, I am not particularly well-versed in politics or economics...however, meeting with the Koehlers provided me with the opportunity to learn a great deal about the political structure of Germany, the economic structure of the European Union, the nature of the current economic crisis in the EU and proposed methods of resolving this crisis.”

— Katherine Heinzen '11 Electrical Engineering, minor in German





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“Lunch with Dr. Horst Koehler and Mrs. Koehler was a truly remarkable opportunity, which I will never forget...the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet with a foreign head of state will certainly stand out as highlights of my academic career at Notre Dame.”

— Katherine Heinzen



“I studied German language and culture in Berlin for eight weeks this past summer and had a wonderful experience. I never anticipated that I would be given the opportunity to meet the former President of that country right back here in the U.S. on my own college campus! My German host-family was surprised when I told them about this opportunity....I have many friends that went to a wide range of schools, yet no one has had an opportunity like the one Notre Dame afforded me.”

— Daniel Brach '14 Management Consulting, minor in German



“It was inspiring to listen to a politician discuss what he believed about tough issues, such as Germany’s role in solving the economic crisis, or whether Greece should remain a member of the EU. Dr. Koehler openly admitted that he knew some of his positions could be controversial, but he emphasized that being honest with one’s constituency and true to oneself is more important than popularity.” —Katherine Heinzen

“Meeting Dr. Koehler reinforced the belief that a major key to success is setting a goal and taking the initiative to see it through....Notre Dame takes the experience of education into a much richer area by giving undergraduate students terrific opportunities such as meeting Dr. Koehler, who emphasized that making excellent moral choices is vital to success. This part of my education is very rewarding.”

— Daniel Brach



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