

Robinson IB Reflections

RHS I.B. Reflections from Jake Perkins Class of 2023, Freshman @ FSU, member of the honors program and studying abroad in Valencia, Spain for a year.

College is a big change from high school. It is hard to transition into. Individual expectations, self-accountability, and time management are some of the most essential aspects of college that are not always present in high school. As I am starting to get into the swing of things in this second semester of college, I am constantly referencing the skills I learned in high school to succeed in college. My time at Robinson I.B. was full of hard work, but this hard work helped my transition to college much easier!

Two friends and I, Rand Peate and Adrian Schumacher, decided to go abroad through FSU in Valencia, Spain. This accentuates the jump from secondary school to university. From a high school in South Tampa to a prestigious college on another continent, the change can be overwhelming sometimes. My friends and I's preparation from I.B. helped soften the school aspect of cultural shock. I can balance my time effectively, and the skills of self-accountability have helped me significantly during my time in college. With these skills, I am always able to enjoy the many different opportunities afforded to study abroad students.

I ended the first semester with a 4.0 GPA, with continued participation in FSU's honors program and with a great understanding of the course material. A lot of people struggled with the jump to college, but my skills from high school helped make college very manageable. My time in Spain has molded my character positively, and I am able to make the most of such an opportunity to explore Europe. So to all you Seniors and underclassmen- hang in there RHS I.B. will prepare you and set you up for success! The hard work will pay off when you leave the halls of RHS and embark on your new adventures in college.