Participating in the Global Consulting Fellows program this year has most definitely been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had in the Smith School. I've found a group of students that share my passions for other cultures, diverse peoples, and international development.

In the program we've learned not only about doing business abroad, but about world issues, social and economic development, and intercultural challenges. We also get to go beyond the classroom - just this past semester we've had guest speakers from Ernst & Young, Wells Fargo, and we even visited the Department of State! I also feel like I am making a difference by applying our knowledge to real-world consulting projects that are socially conscious and economically sustainable.

For me, this experience has also been a crucial step in attaining my career goals. I hope to one day be a Foreign Service Officer, and being in Global Fellows has taught me critical skills in international relations. This summer I will be interning at the American Embassy in Paris, and I am excited to apply all that I've learned in Global Fellows!

-Nicole Fleskes, Senior, Finance, International Business and French  (third from left)