DSOC junior **Alyssa Pritts** is spending a semester abroad in Cuzco, Peru, as part of a program called Indigenous Peoples and Globalization. This program explores the social, economic, political, and cultural impacts of globalization on indigenous peoples, and the ways in which communities respond and adapt to these transformations in Peru. Studies involve lectures given by experts from both Peru and the United States, and excursions to different communities where the impacts of globalization are felt. She recently lived in a rural village in the Amazon jungle for a week where she learned about the impacts of mining, pharmaceutical companies, and the general global market on local communities. She will also visit high Andean communities and the capital city to meet with local activists. The last month of the program she will be conducting research with a rural training organization called Arariwa CENFOPAR. She will be researching the supply chain of the native potato varieties and working to optimize the market link between small farming communities and five star hotels and restaurants who can market the potato through the preparation of traditional dishes.

Alyssa was previously a New York State delegate at the World Food Conference and a panelist at Food Security in a Vulnerable World: Food Policy for Food Security at Cornell. The Trumansburg NY native has also taught kayaking and rock climbing in the Outdoor Education program and interned for a summer at an orphanage in Guatemala. “I am having so much fun and learning so much!”