



# THE MOSTAFAS



SOPHIA'S BACK (LEFT) AFTER ONE YEAR IN ITALY. WE'RE ALL U.S. CITIZENS NOW (ABOVE).

## The return of the prodigal daughter...

Sophia returned home in July after a year in Italy as an exchange student. She had way too much fun, and she can't wait to go back!

On this side of the ocean, all four of us are U.S. citizens now. We'll teach you how to vote now. Mom's got a couple

of awards. One of them to participate in an international conference in Spain. Dad was the plus-one for the first time, so that was weird. Luckily Matias was there to help out with the anxiety... Just in case you're wondering, he didn't grab the microphone at any time. We

don't know how, but he restrained himself...

After the European tour, we met with the Capones in Florida in August, and finish the family vacation in Orlando. This was the first time for us in an "American" Disney park.



CLARISA'S AWARD



MATIAS IN SPAIN



CAPONE'S REUNION IN FL

# PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



MATIAS VOLUNTEERED FOR THE SHAVER'S CREEK SUMMER CAMP LEADERS-IN-TRAINING (LIT) PROGRAM. HE HELPED TO MANAGE A GROUP OF ABOUT 10 YOUNG CHILDREN AND TO LEAD ACTIVITIES WHILE DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND SERVING AS A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR THE HAPPY CAMPERS. MOM RECEIVED THE AATSP TRAVEL AWARD TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SALAMANCA, SPAIN. SOPHIA TURNED 18! AND PLAYED IN A FRIENDLY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT SCHOOL. THEY LOST ALL THE GAMES (ONLY BY ONE POINT!), BUT THEY HAD LOTS OF FUN. DAD GRADUATED TWO HONORS UNDERGRADS, AND TWO PHDS THIS YEAR.

## Another busy year

I really hate to do this every year, but this has been a really busy year for everybody. Well, maybe not Dad. He only went to Germany, Denmark, Costa Rica, Italy, Spain, Mexico, and California this year. But the rest of us were so busy that we've left out about ~40 photos that should have been in here. But we knew you wouldn't read this if we included every single thing we did. We hope you like our 2018 Newsletter, and stay tuned for next year.

*Merry Xmas, and Happy 2019!*

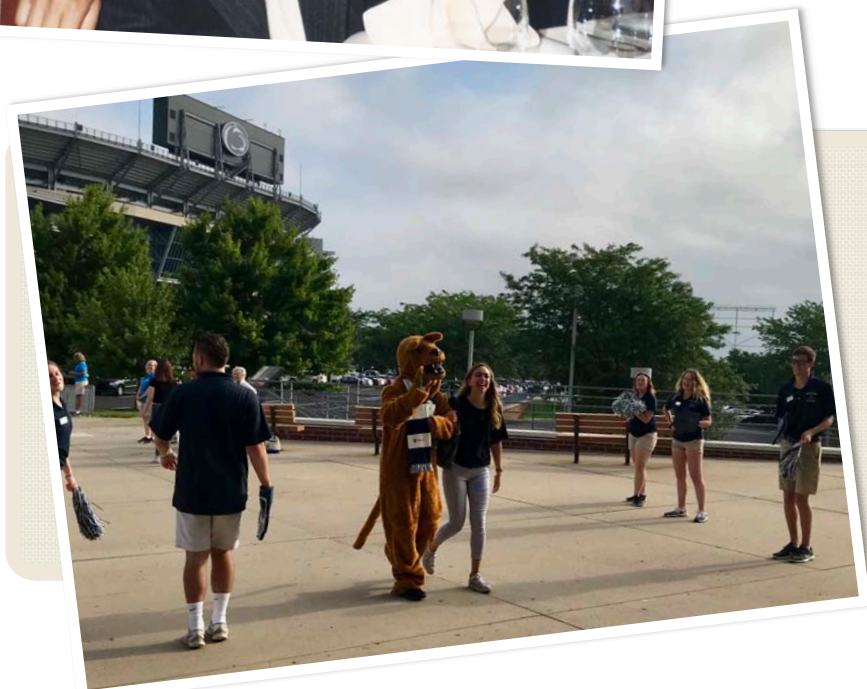


## MATIAS

MATIAS AND HIS FRIEND MATTHEW MADE THE TOP TEN PLACEMENT AT THE STATE CONFERENCE OF THE FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA. LEFT: MATIAS SUITING UP.

## MOM & DAD

25 YEARS SINCE MOM & DAD FIRST MET...

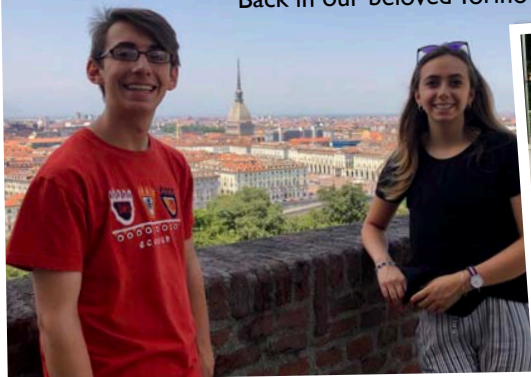


## SOPHIA

SOPHIA IS A SENIOR THIS YEAR, WHICH MEANS... COLLEGE APPLICATIONS! AS OF THIS WRITING, SHE'S BEEN ACCEPTED TO PENN STATE, UMASS, AND DELAWARE. I THINK IT'S PRETTY CLEAR WHICH ONE WE'RE ROOTING FOR...

# Top moments of the year

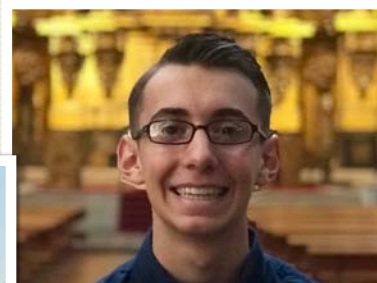
Back in our beloved Torino



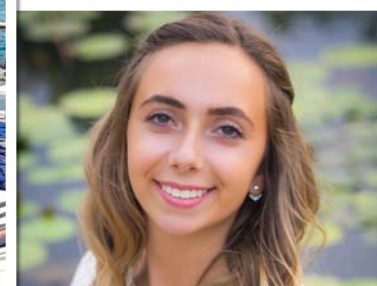
Dad's research group



## THE GANG



MATIAS (16)



SOPHIA (18)

Sophia's tough life in Italy...



AFTER 10 YEARS, DAD BROUGHT BACK (TO PENN STATE) HIS SUMMER PROGRAM TO COSTA RICA!



CLARISA



MIGUEL

# PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



## CAPTIONS

1. TOP LEFT: CLARISA'S PARENTS MET SOPHIA'S ITALIAN PARENTS AND BROTHER.
2. TOP RIGHT: LUNA ENJOYED HER HALLOWEEN COSTUME.
3. BOTTOM RIGHT: VISITING MY COUSIN CHARITY AND AUNT GRACIELA IN CALIFORNIA.
4. BOTTOM MIDDLE: BEING SILLY WITH THE COUSINS.
5. BOTTOM LEFT: JAMES, THE NEW FAMILY MEMBER?

## The rest of the family

In June, Clarisa and Matias met the grandparents in Milan. Then, they all met Sophia's parents, Pasquale and Antonella, and Sophia's brother, Mateo. Yes, I know. He also plays soccer!

Dad finally met his cousin Charity. She leaves in California, and Dad was in the

neighborhood for a seminar at UC Riverside.

There are way too many goofy photos of the four cousins in Florida this summer. But the important thing is that the Capone's got to be all together again after so many years. We all had an amazing time, and not just in Disney.

