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JENNA, OUR ENGLISH ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR !

Pour la deuxième fois maintenant, les assistants de langue ont été mis à l'honneur ce jeudi 4 décembre. Cette journée internationale est organisée par France Education international et ses partenaires.

Dans notre lycée, nous avons la chance de bénéficier de la présence Jenna. Elle a accepté de répondre à quelques questions :

Reporter : So firstly, can you introduce yourself ?

Jenna : Hi, my name is Jenna ! I'm from a town next to New York city in America. I studied French since I was in middle school and still in university knowing that I wanted to be a French teacher. And I was kind of like, well, now I want to actually go to France and practice it because it certainly has been a lot more different than what I learn in school.

R : Do you think it's harder than what you have learned ?

J : I can't hear and understand anything, words sound the same and I have a lot of stories where I've just totally miss understood what was going on.

R : But you have been here for like 2 months now, is it better ?

J : Yes, it is getting better and even though it's hard and I embarrass myself all the time, it's worth it.

R : Have you ever been in France before ? Why in Cholet ?

J : No, this is my first time and pretty much my first time in Europe. I wanted to be in like, the north west area because I thought it would remind me of home. But I didn't pick Cholet, they just put me here.

R : And the first week you came in France, what was your first impression ?

J : My first week was in Paris, and my first thought was, oh my gosh everyone really is so fashionable. And everyone is like, it is a big city and I'm actually like, here. What I learned and what I read in textbooks growing up, I was actually looking at it.

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R : Do you have any other purpose of this experience in France ?

J : Before I even know I wanted to be a French teacher, I was like 12 years old, I knew I wanted to learn a language so I could talk to people and their language and not go to a big city, but like a tiny town and like, actually understand.

R : What surprise you the most when you came ?

J : I didn't really know how much the school worked out. Like the high school, how everyone changes classrooms. That's a lot differences than in America. Teachers will have their own classroom, so they get to decorate it and things like that.

R : Did you see a lot of cultural differences and did you like it ?

J : I always talk about the food and the way people eat. I feel like I thought my parents didn't teach me how to use ustensils correctly because you guys are very swift looking. You're very fast, you're quick, you're very much more like elegant at eating than americans. I love all the gestures. I was telling you about the intonation of like your breath, a lot of breathing. You can have a all conversation just with no words.

R : What are you doing on your free time ?

J : I like to draw, so I have a little watercolors sets and I paint with that. I tried writing. I have like a travel book. So any cultural thing I learn or see I write that down and then planning trips or just trying to research more about Europe while I'm here so I can do more things.

R : Do you want to travel in others countries ?

J : Yes, I want to go to Belgium, Ireland, Scotland, Portugal. There's a lot of places I want to go.

R : Why do you want to be a teacher ?

J : I think it's fun. I think working with kids is fun. I like middle and high schoolers, they make me laugh. I also believe education is one of the most important things that someone can have. I think that's how we change the world: through education and languages. I think it's fun. Just doing this and practicing your english, having just a regular conversation. And I think those little cultural things, that's what make us who we are. So, I like learning about people !

R : Well, I think actually I don't have any more questions. Thanks you very much Jenna !

J : Your welcome !