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MAST Senior Wins National Writing Award

MAST Academy senior **Amanda Labora** has won the *First Place Award* in the *Family Travel Forum's (FTF) 2007 Essay Contest.* Amanda's essay focuses on her recent six-week stay in Turkey, a trip made possible by the *Experiment in International Living Program.* Through her homestay with a Turkish family and opportunities for experiential learning, Amanda was introduced to Turkey in a way that most visitors from the West are not. The family with whom Amanda lived for the duration of her stay made it possible for her to participate in a range of routine activities. Those activities and Amanda's reaction to them constitute the content of her article. The essay appears as an article on the FTF website at http://www.familytravelforum.com/articles/article/12274.