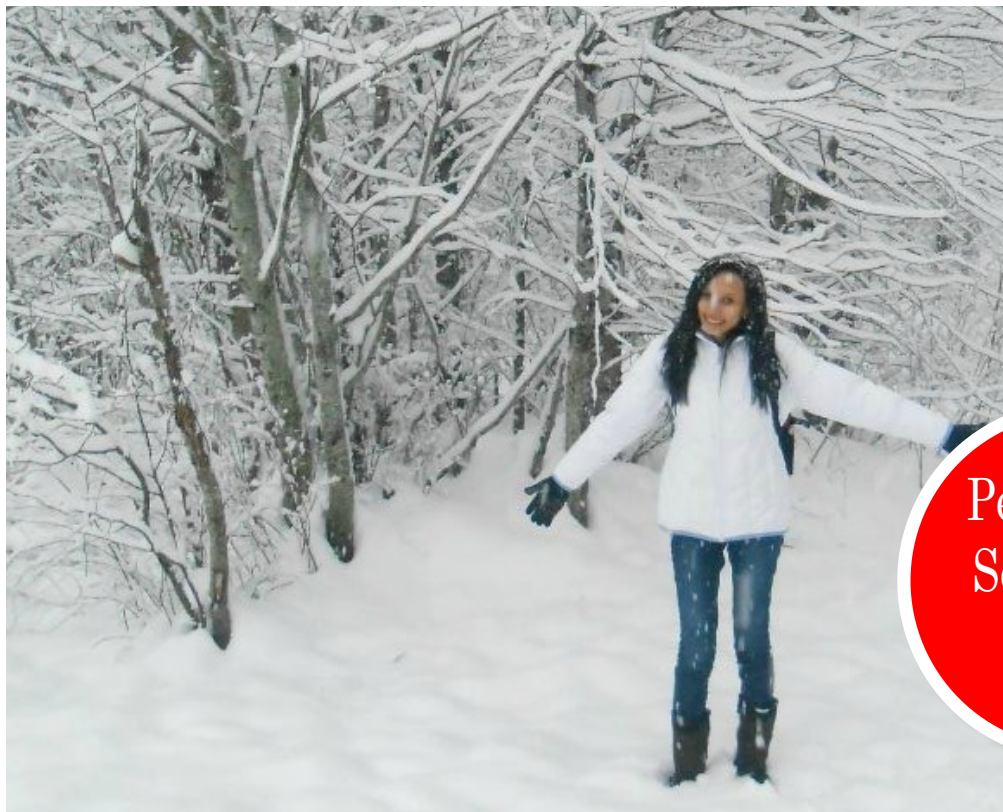




Student Ambassador

# Julia Belchior

Pernambuco, Brazil



*When I go home I am going to miss everyone here. My community, my school and my homestay family!"*

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Julia Belchior from Brazil came to the Sea to Sky School District as part of a government initiative funded by the Ministry of Education in Pernambuco province in Brazil. The program "Win the World" provides young scholarship students with a semester abroad to study English. For many of these students this was the first time they have ever been abroad. Julia was placed in Pemberton and attends Pemberton Secondary School. We asked Julia what she thought about her new community and school. She said; "The community of Pemberton is wonderful. Being a small town most people know each other, and that's pretty cool. It feels like we're in a big family."

Julia is enrolled in grade 11 and is taking a full academic program. We asked her what she liked about her new school. She is very impressed with the Canadian school system and said; "I like the

school, my friends and my teachers. I love everything about Pemberton Secondary School."

Pemberton Secondary was the perfect match for Julia as she really likes the courses available. Julia also loves sports and really enjoys both her cooking class and physical education class. "I am taking Cooking, Physical Education, Social Studies and Math. The classes that I like best are the Physical Education because I love sports and Cooking, because I'm learning to cook.

Julia has taken advantage of all the new experiences available to her in Pemberton. We asked her to tell us what were the most memorable. She said; "Ski lessons, no doubt! I enjoy skating, tobogganing and the snow. It is amazing. I love it all!"

Julia was matched to a homestay family that had similar interests to her. She

feels her new family is perfect for her; "I love my family, they are wonderful. And I love my host mother's cooking, which is wonderful! I think this is why I did not feel homesick."

Julia is planning to return to Canada and attend university in a year; "When I finish high school this year in Brazil, I want to apply to university here in Canada. I will study hard for it! I know I will be back, and most likely I will stay!"

