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- Hannover/ Germany: Hannover felt like home to me, there was always stuff to do during the time I was here, but yet you could have quiet moments in nice green spaces, which I appreciated. Germany was a good location to also travel to surrounding countries. We were able to travel for free, most of the time, within lower Saxony, which was awesome because we could do day trips to places a couple hours away. Germany never seemed to let me down in terms of views, whether the buildings or the scenery in general.
- Your experience at work: It was a bit of an adjustment as any new job, but the people are very nice and helpful if you ask for help. I got to do almost a full development process from CAD modeling, to simulations, 3D printing, and using strain gauges, which are things that I think will come in handy later on.
- Food and sports in hannover: The food is always good and so is the beer, Herrenhauser is a must especially since our dorm's location made us next door neighbors. Fries with mayo were also a staple when it came to any outdoor event. Any sporting games or competitions I went to were always fun and full of students. I know there was a couple big events that had games, food, drinks, and music, so it's always a full package whatever the event
- Leisure time activities: Drinking beer and hanging out in any of the gardens with others is always a good time. There was always something going on every weekend throughout my time here, whether it was student or city based. I was never lacking for something to do if I was really looking, in Hannover or in surrounding areas.