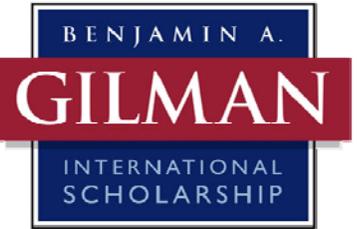


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commemorating Ghana's independence. On the campus, I took a variety of classes: the Twi language, traditional African dance, and history of Ghanaian music, along with my math courses, Elementary Statistics and Ordinary Differential Equations. I volunteered as a teacher's assistant at University Primary Village Basic School. In my free time, I had private painting classes and group salsa dancing classes. On the weekends, I visited several national monuments and attractions.

Since my study abroad experience in Ghana, I have studied abroad in South Africa and Dominican Republic. After I graduated with my bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Winston-Salem State University in 2010, I volunteered as a secondary mathematics teacher at Diamond Secondary School in Guyana for 2010-2011 academic school year.

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Studying abroad in Ghana was one of the most memorable experiences I ever had during my undergraduate years at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). I studied abroad at the University of Ghana in Legon through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). At the time, Ghana was celebrating its 50th Independence Anniversary from Great Britain. I had the opportunity to participate in a few of the celebrations around the country and collect souvenirs

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Now, I am entering my second year in my Applied Mathematics Master's program at North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University. After graduate school at NCA&T, I plan to pursue a doctorate in applied mathematics and apply for the Boren Fellowship to study Zulu language and conduct dissertation research in South Africa.

FOLLOW-ON SERVICE PROJECT

For my Follow-on Service Project, I had a show-and-tell at my former middle school with the sixth graders. I dressed in African attire and showed the students the many items I collected while staying in Ghana, such as paintings, masks, wood carvings, drums, and kente cloth. I aspired to

encourage the students to live out their dreams and travel across the world to gain more exposure to different cultures and ethnic groups.

At my university, I held an information session for students served by Student Support

Services, which supports first-generation, low-income, or disabled students, about the Gilman Scholarship and WSSU Office of International Program's scholarships and programs to support WSSU students who are considering study abroad.