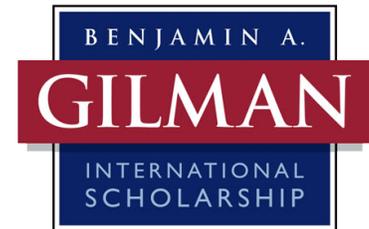


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As a Gilman Scholarship recipient, I spent the summer of my junior year studying management at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. During my study abroad, I learned the fundamentals to successful management, met with physicians and administrators at hospitals and clinics, interacted with the locals, and volunteered at schools. It was an amazing study abroad experience because I not only developed professionally, but also personally.

My course in management focused on projects and presentations, and it offered the students more first-hand experience into different management scenarios and issues.

Because the students were diverse, class discussions were lively as every student offered a different point-of-view in support of their argument regarding issues in management of healthcare and foreign security.

As a Health Administration and Policy major, I took advantage of my time abroad by visiting facilities around Hong Kong to learn about healthcare management, patient communication, and preventative medicine from physicians. I also visited Macau to learn about preventative medicine and financial policies from administrators.

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Outside of academics, I was given the opportunity to volunteer at

the elementary and middle schools by helping to teach students English. I also visited different villages and markets around Hong Kong to improve my Cantonese, try local cuisine (the most odd being snake soup), and learn about the culture in general. I also took to cycling and had the opportunity to try mountain biking.

Since my time abroad, I have graduated from Creighton and will be pursuing a Master of Science in Public Administration at the University of Hawaii. My goal is a career in management and geriatric care, where I will improve the quality of elder care.

The Gilman Scholarship gave me the opportunity to study abroad in Hong Kong, to learn more about my cultural heritage and Hong Kong’s healthcare system. My experience is one that I will always treasure.

FOLLOW-ON SERVICE PROJECT

For my Follow-on Service Project, I held presentations during Open House and Jays Days at Creighton University to hundreds of students. My presentation highlighted my study abroad experience, steps to applying for a

study abroad program, and the Gilman Scholarship as one example of financial aid. I also worked with the Office of International Programs to promote studying abroad to incoming students and to seek out

the Gilman Scholarship as a source of financial aid. My project was a success as many students showed eagerness to study abroad the following year.