



# Alondra Flores

Gilman International Scholarship Alumni  
Ambassador  
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*“My experience abroad taught me not all classrooms have four walls.”*

Alondra was able to enhance her Spanish language skills through an immersive summer experience in Costa Rica. She stayed with a host family, attended school at Costa Rican Language Academy, and participated in service-learning at a local orphanage in San Jose.

Alondra’s experience in Costa Rica strengthened her educational and professional goals. Her experience abroad allowed her to serve her community and community college by sharing her expertise in her role as a student worker on campus. Alondra intends to pursue a bachelor’s degree in public policy and a master’s in public administration. She also hopes to return abroad.

- ★ First generation college student
- ★ Served as multicultural peer educator at McHenry County College
- ★ Participated in service learning while abroad, volunteering at a local orphanage
- ★ Increased Spanish language skills and cultural competency
- ★ Promoted study abroad through public speaking engagements on campus

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