



# Austin Thorn

Gilman International Scholarship Alumni  
Ambassador  
Peru, 2018

*“This experience gave me the confidence to believe I was on a path towards something greater.”*

Austin participated in a service-learning program in Peru which ignited his interest in international music therapy service. In the city of Cusco, he served as a music instructor, teaching piano, guitar, and music theory. In addition, he assisted teachers in a school for children with intellectual disabilities. This experience allowed him to create meaningful connections with students through music, overcoming barriers of culture and communication.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Austin will complete a bachelor’s degree in music therapy at the University of Missouri-Kansas City’s Conservatory of Music and Dance in 2019. He plans to combine his love for music with his passion for healthcare and pursue a career serving populations in need.

- ★ Studies music therapy at UMKC
- ★ President, UMKC Association of Music Therapy Students
- ★ First Generation Student Mentor for UMKC College of Arts and Sciences
- ★ Participated in service-learning program in Peru, 2018

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