



Jonathan Rabanal

Gilman International Scholarship Alumni
Ambassador
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“Studying at J.F. Oberlin University gave me the opportunity to live like the local students and immerse myself in their culture and knowledge.”

As a Gilman Scholar to Japan, Jonathan immersed himself in Japanese culture and took full advantage of class activities, clubs, amenities, and language resources at his host university. His time in Japan advanced him closer to his professional goals as he learned to communicate in a professional way, adapt to culture, and study.

After returning from Japan, Jonathan became a Japanese tutor at Johnson County Community College, the first non-Japanese student to hold that position. He completed his associate degree in liberal arts with honors and continues to self-study Japanese. He plans to transfer to a four-year university soon.

- ★ Graduated with honors from Johnson County Community College
- ★ Japanese/linguistics major
- ★ First non-Japanese Japanese language tutor at Johnson County Community College
- ★ Learned about second language acquisition

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