



Toi Mickle

Gilman International Scholarship Alumni
Ambassador
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“I was merely existing in school, searching for ways to survive. Gilman helped me to survive so that I could elevate.”

During her time in the United Kingdom, Toi earned credits toward her bachelor’s degree. She believes that storytelling is a true art form and a very important factor in the way we see the world. While abroad, she connected with the Travel and Arts Society and joined other students from different cultures to travel to Paris, Italy, and Amsterdam. These experiences connected her to people who saw the world through a different lens.

Toi received an associate’s degree in humanities (2008) and a bachelor’s in English creative writing (2013). She is a current Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Scholar and recipient of the David Schirra Scholarship (2012) and Los Medanos College Scholarship (2012).

- ★ Previously homeless student
- ★ Studied creative writing at San Francisco State University
- ★ Accepted to Mills College Master of Fine Arts program
- ★ Author of *The Scholarship Thief*, a book to help underprivileged students succeed
- ★ Developed workshops for students who are preparing for college

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