

NAPHTALI BRYANT | CHINA, 2015

- Business Management at Alamo Colleges
- Lead team of students that inspired the study abroad program
- Gained experience in multicultural advertising and global cultural competencies
- Became an Alamo Colleges Study Abroad Student Ambassador, presented to High Schools and Colleges

**Gilman Alumni Ambassador**

Naphtali selected a study abroad program in China that was geared toward learning leadership on a global scale. The students and faculty in his program were from the leadership institute at Alamo Colleges and leadership activities were incorporated into their experience abroad, including informing his peers through reports on the history, tourism and UNESCO sites in each city they visited. This experience gave him a new found zeal to travel abroad and see the world. He also gained valuable international experience which he feels makes him more marketable in the job market and helped him attain additional scholarships.

As an ambassador for the Alamo Colleges when he returned, Naphtali encouraged community college students to study abroad. He held several workshops on the Gilman Scholarship where he shared his personal experience of studying abroad as a community college student as well as best practices for applying to the Gilman Scholarship. His and his fellow ambassadors' efforts led to a historic amount of study abroad participants for the Alamo Colleges in 2016.

“The most significant attribute I gained from my experience abroad was a sense of diversity in the global community and an ability to be sensitive to the differences in other cultures.”



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