

CANDICE COLDLY | CHINA, 2012

- Sociology & Business Management at Central State University
- Increased Mandarin language skills
- Gained academic experience at Shanghai University
- Journalled about benefits of studying abroad and shared with university students through a presentation

**Gilman Alumni Ambassador**

During her tenure as a student at Central State University, Candice had always dreamed about studying in Shanghai, China. When she was presented with the opportunity she was elated! The Gilman Scholarship allowed her gain a truly remarkable academic experience. She was able to accomplish a goal that was important to her and her academic career, something she feels would not have been possible if not for receiving the Gilman Scholarship.

Candice's time as a student at Shanghai University opened the door to a new world of opportunities. She immersed herself in Chinese culture and was able to gain an understanding of how the Chinese provide for their families and became an economic superpower amongst the world. She cultivated new relationships that will last a lifetime and this has given her the courage to accomplish any goal she sets her mind on. After she graduated, she felt confident that she could move anywhere in the country since she had successfully lived in Shanghai. This influenced her to take a chance and take the next step in her career and moved across the country from Ohio to Georgia.

“The most significant attribute I gained from my experience abroad was a sense of accomplishment and courage that I can do anything.”



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