

James Brownsmith

Cultural experiences abroad influence approach to sustainability

Germany, 2009



“Learning a language has had a lasting use through my personal and professional life.”

As a Gilman Scholar in Germany, James took intensive German language courses, allowing him to complete his minor in the language. This study abroad experience further developed his need to see other parts of the world and work in them. After graduating from college, James lived in Taiwan and Japan.

James’ experiences in Germany and Japan were very influential to how he views waste and efficiency, and the work he does now directly impacts his company’s waste output.

A Culinary Product Developer at Amazon, James focuses on creating better, and more affordable and accessible, food product alternatives from both a sustainability and nutrition standpoint.

- ★ Earned Bachelor of Science in hospitality management from University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- ★ Worked as an Executive Chef in Taipei and Tokyo from 2015 to 2017
- ★ Works as Culinary Product Developer at Amazon, leading end-to-end development of prepared food products for Amazon Go

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