“Say yes to every opportunity that comes your way. Even if it doesn’t work out, you took a chance and won’t regret it.”

Katherine’s study abroad experience included learning a new language, overcoming past fears, and engaging in the local culture, such as dance and music classes.

After returning from Indonesia, she sought opportunities to help master her skills in cultural fluency. Learning how to respect and appreciate other cultures has led to opportunities within her own diverse community of Miami, Florida.

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- Received Gilman Scholarship while attending Miami Dade College
- Studied Bahasa Indonesia, a critical-need language
- Experienced Ramadan in a Muslim-majority country
- Attended different religious services, such as Christian, Buddhist and Islamic ceremonies