



Madeline Aviles

Gilman International Scholarship Alumni
Ambassador

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“The moments that molded my experience weren’t those I spent sunbathing by the ocean, but the moments I struggled to communicate at night markets, scurried across busy streets and learned the respectful nature of the local culture.”

During her internship abroad at the Northern School for the Blind, Madeline was able to work with students in grades two through six. She assisted the English teacher with lessons on proper pronunciation and created engaging in-class activities. When she wasn’t “Khru Maddie,” meaning “Teacher Maddie,” she was studying leadership and organizational behavior at Chiang Mai University.

Madeline’s experience abroad as a Gilman Scholar inspired her to study abroad again. In Costa Rica, she began an English Club at a local orphanage and fulfilled credits for her minor. Shortly after, she worked as a Recruiter Intern at Amazon.com, streamlining programs to reach the company’s mission of hiring and developing the best people. When she graduates in December 2020, Madeline hopes to use her diverse background to pursue a career as a global humanitarian.

- ★ Studied international business and minored in global entrepreneurship and business Spanish at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)
- ★ Gained conversational Thai language skills and an appreciation and understanding of Thai culture
- ★ Served as International Ambassador for the Lee Business School at UNLV

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