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Gilman International Scholarship
Alumni Ambassador
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“Studying abroad provides students the unique opportunity to widen their worldview, making them better decision-makers and leaders in their communities. The Gilman Scholarship plays a significant role in creating these opportunities for all.”

Zena was awarded the Gilman Scholarship, which she used to study global economics in Nicosia, Cyprus. During her time abroad, she studied the Greek language, met the U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus and volunteered for EducationUSA. Through her studies and volunteerism, she assisted more than 100 Greek Cypriot students with their college admissions process.

After completing her Gilman Scholarship experience, she studied abroad again in Freiburg, Germany, where she met with members of the European Union (EU) and attended Model EU events. Today, she works in global security and intelligence and actively promotes the inclusion of global studies in secondary education for all students. Zena intends to work in emergency management upon completion of her master’s degree.

- Received the Gilman Scholarship while attending North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
- Researched the economic recession of Greece and analyzed the role that EU-U.S. relations play in strategic goal-setting to avoid economic turnover in the future
- Developed diversified leadership, collaboration, communication and peacekeeping skills to utilize in times of heightened political tension
- Connected with members of the U.S. Department of State and increased language skills to utilize in the workplace

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