

Silvana Barbosa

Gilman Program Alumni Ambassador
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Silvana studied abroad as a Gilman Scholar in spring 2018 in Thailand. She intentionally selected a program that would allow her to experience and immerse in a culture that is different from her own because she believes it is critical to engage in experiences where we not only learn about our differences as human beings but also embrace them.

While abroad, Silvana lived with a Thai roommate and completed a Thai language course that allowed her to communicate with locals. She also completed field research on local health promotion efforts and participated in numerous site visits to learn about Thailand's universal health care system. Upon completion of the program, Silvana had acquired job-related skills, and her knowledge regarding community public health grew exponentially.

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- Earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Policy and Management from Providence College
- Works as a Grassroots Program Administrator for the American Society of Anesthesiologists
- Pursuing a Master of Public Health degree at the George Washington University

