

# Maurice Mayer Riingen

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***“The Gilman Program has influenced me to encourage other prospective college students to study abroad. I believe that everyone has the right to an international education and to learn from different cultures other than their own.”***

Maurice studied abroad as a Gilman scholar during the fall of 2022 at the Universitat Politècnica de València in València, Spain. Her time in Spain helped her realize that she should never be afraid to ask for help. Prior to arriving in the country, she was not confident in her Spanish skills because she was afraid of mispronouncing words. However, she learned that this was part of the process of learning a new language and that she and others need to allow themselves to make mistakes sometimes because that is what makes everyone human.

Maurice credits her Gilman Program experience for igniting her passion for language learning and is grateful to have the opportunity to continue this passion and advocate for international education. She is excited to be a Gilman Alumni Ambassador and to continue influencing other college students to study abroad. She believes everyone has the right to an international education and to learn about different cultures.

Maurice works as a junior admissions counselor for Grand Canyon University, where she assists prospective students with their admissions application process. She also is applying for internships within the film industry and focusing on her other passions such as international education. Previously, Maurice worked as an English second language tutor and was the writer, director, producer, and editor for a student film project. She also was a Reach the World traveler during her time in Spain.

- Hometown: Keaau, Hawaii
- Earned a Bachelor of Arts in digital film with an emphasis in production and minor in Spanish from Grand Canyon University (2023)
- Junior admissions counselor for Grand Canyon University
- Reach the World traveler

