

Faith Seawell-Campbell

Gilman Program Alumni Ambassador
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“The Gilman Scholarship not only helped me reach my goal of Spanish fluency, but also exposed me to a new culture and perspective that would have not occurred without this opportunity.”

- Hansen Fellowship through the University of San Diego
- Gilman Foreign Policy in Focus: Refugees and Migration, Jordan Seminar participant

Faith’s time in Spain enriched her worldview by exposing her to a different culture and language outside her own. Faith often explored Madrid independently and navigated daily life in a new language. Through this immersive experience, she practiced Spanish daily and reached fluency by the end of the program. Ultimately, living abroad equipped her with the fortitude to learn more about herself and transcend her comfort zone to pursue diverse opportunities on an international level. Through the Gilman alumni network, Faith engaged in other opportunities, including Career Connections conferences and an overseas seminar, to further develop her network and experience as a civil servant. She was selected to attend the Gilman Foreign Policy in Focus: Refugees and Migration Seminar in Jordan and learned more about refugee relations in the Middle East. This experience reshaped her view of the international conflicts that shape our world. Faith used the knowledge she gained from the overseas seminar to incorporate in her work in the U.S. as a migrant aid volunteer. This experience also motivated her to set a future goal of engaging in global health and policy.

As a registered nurse in Baltimore, Faith uses the Spanish she cultivated through the Gilman Program to expand her service efforts and care for patients who experience language barriers in the United States. Her goal is to expand her efforts in health and government to get involved in policymaking, to develop policies and programs that improve the lives of vulnerable populations worldwide.

