

Kyle Bratcher

Gilman Program Alumni Ambassador
United Kingdom, 2020



“I found a deeper understanding of ‘community’ after studying abroad. I formed once-in-a-lifetime connections with Londoners who helped me learn about British culture through sports, social media, and conversation.”

While a Gilman scholar, Kyle studied international politics at the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies. He also became actively involved with London’s working and student community, playing pickup sports, participating in conversations with affinity groups, forming study sessions on campus, and organizing events with fellow exchange students over social media.

- Bachelor of Arts in political science
- Gilman Foreign Policy in Focus: Refugees and Migration, Greece Seminar participant
- Certificate of Achievement: Montclair Public Schools Saturday Skills Development Program

Kyle graduated from Vassar College in 2021 with a B.A. in political science and has worked as a digital editor since 2022. He studies the American party system by tracking polling reports, fundraising data, current events, press releases, and legislative developments, and he helps political candidates and nonprofit organizations raise money for their operations and campaigns.

Kyle is ready to take on the responsibility that comes with being a 2024 Gilman Alumni Ambassador. He wants to share his study abroad story, so that others might feel empowered to apply. He hopes to impart to prospective applicants the impact of the program and its extensive alumni network of motivated people who are all passionate about their educational path and achieving their ambitious career goals. Because the Gilman Program helped him succeed, Kyle is eager to help others take part in its incredible opportunities. He has remained in close contact with the Gilman team, having attended the Refugees and Migration Seminar in Greece with fellow Gilman alumni and State Department representatives during the summer of 2023.

In the future, Kyle hopes to get more involved with the State Department as a Foreign Service officer or pursue graduate school through a fellowship and teach English abroad.

