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Gilman Program Alumni Ambassador
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“The Gilman Program experience showed me the power of cross-cultural exchange and the importance of representing the U.S. on the global stage, inspiring me to make a meaningful impact.”

As a Gilman scholar, Mike participated in the Global Learning Opportunities in Business Education (GLOBE) program. His journey as a first-generation American has been marked by hard work and resilience, and his time abroad was transformative. It allowed him to immerse himself in diverse cultures, expand his global perspective, and develop a deep appreciation for international relations.

- Bachelor of Science in business administration
- Gilman Brussels Study Tour participant
- Renwick Academic Achievement Award

Mike’s experience solidified his passion for exploring global business practices and sparked his interest in the foreign service. Studying in different countries exposed him to new ways of thinking, and he became passionate about bringing positive change to communities through effective leadership and cross-cultural understanding. After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Mike moved to Denver, Colorado, for a position with Amazon, where he is honing his skills in data analysis and management. He has also held other roles, such as marketing intern at the marketing firm R3 in Singapore, where he focused on working on Google Data Studio. Mike is excited to serve as a Gilman Alumni Ambassador, where he aims to promote the Gilman Scholarship, inspire other first-generation students to pursue study abroad opportunities, and contribute to the global community through his work.

Mike is eager to continue his journey by pursuing a career in the foreign service. He looks forward to leveraging his experiences and the opportunities provided by the Gilman Program to make a lasting impact in the world.

