

Rosalina Macon

Gilman Program Alumni Ambassador
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“Traveling abroad showed me that the world needs you. Sometimes you can’t find what you’re looking for because YOU haven’t done it yet. It’s OK to be the first!”

- President of Aggies Abroad
- Barcelona Study Abroad Experience (SAE) Alumni Ambassador

Rosalina studied abroad as a Gilman-McCain (for children of active-duty military members) scholar in London, United Kingdom, and Vienna, Austria. Her time abroad helped her study the history of psychology and investigate the life of Sigmund Freud, the father of psychoanalysis. Through this lens, she saw the power in “building your own table” and knowing multiple languages. She also observed the differences in the healthcare system and how different countries are addressing mental health. Her experience gave her an array of both personal and professional connections that will help aid her in her future career in international affairs.

Rosalina credits her Gilman Program experience with allowing her to see the importance of community, representation, and pursuing one’s passions. After her Gilman Program experience, she studied abroad once again in Barcelona, Spain, and has since sought to use opportunities that support learning critical languages and advocating for minorities through education and cultural exchange. After graduation, she plans to apply to the Peace Corps in Samoa as an English literacy educator in her current pursuit of eventually becoming a Foreign Service officer.

Rosalina is a senior at North Carolina A&T State University, where she is a psychology student. She works in the Office of International Affairs as an intern to help assist the office in any capacity needed. She also serves as the president of Aggies Abroad and a member of the North Carolina Association of International Educators (NCAIE) Student Conference Leadership Team. Rosalina is excited to be a Gilman Alumni Ambassador to help provide a testimony of the opportunities that the Gilman Scholarship offers for every student who has a dream but may lack the resources to help them reach it.

