

# Tais Solis

Gilman Program Alumni Ambassador  
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*“As a first-generation student, I initially wasn’t aware of the vast opportunities available and the diverse career paths I could explore. The Gilman Program profoundly impacted me by deepening my understanding of global education and its immense value.”*

- Bachelor of Arts in international studies and Spanish
- Reach the World volunteer while a Gilman scholar

As a first-generation college student, Tais deeply valued the opportunity provided by the Gilman Program to learn and connect with individuals from around the world. While studying at the University of Deusto in Bilbao, she immersed herself in Basque culture, picked up some of the Basque language, and honed her Spanish skills. During this time, she also completed her Spanish double major. Her experiences abroad offered her valuable insights into different lifestyles and a deeper understanding of Spain, which sparked a desire to learn more about different countries and their customs.

After completing the program, Tais actively shared her experiences and emphasized the importance of higher education with students at Wichita State University and within her community, highlighting the opportunities available through programs like Gilman. Her experience abroad reinforced her belief in the importance of ensuring that students in Kansas have access to similar opportunities. With a strong passion for global education, Tais now aspires to pursue a master’s degree in global studies or education. She continues to study French, with the goal of reaching fluency.

Tais is excited to take on her new role as a Gilman Alumni Ambassador, aiming to inform students in Kansas and across the United States about the resources available for studying abroad and how these opportunities can expand their global knowledge. She also plans to use Gilman’s Spanish-language outreach resources to connect with more students and families in the community, helping them learn about the opportunities to study abroad.

