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## POSSE'S MISSION

The Posse model works for both students and college campuses and is rooted in the belief that a small, diverse group of talented students—a Posse—carefully selected and trained, can serve as a catalyst for individual and community development. As the United States becomes an increasingly multicultural society, Posse believes that the leaders of the 21st century should reflect the country's rich demographic mix. The key to a promising future for our nation rests on the ability of strong leaders from diverse backgrounds to develop innovative solutions to complex social problems. Posse's primary aim is to train these leaders of tomorrow.

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## THE POSSE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Posse Scholars and alumni have won an exceptional number of nationally competitive fellowships and awards. Since 2001, The Posse Fellowship Program has matched Posse Scholars with national fellowships that recognize their talent and future potential to be the leaders of tomorrow.

To date, Posse Scholars have won more than 850 national fellowships that include

- BEINECKE SCHOLARSHIP
  - CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
  - DAVIS PROJECTS FOR PEACE
  - FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM
  - GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
  - GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP
  - LUCE SCHOLARSHIP
  - MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP
  - MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM
  - NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
  - CHARLES B. RANGEL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIPS
  - SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS
  - THOMAS R. PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP
  - THOMAS J. WATSON FELLOWSHIP
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**LUCE SCHOLAR  
SAMVID SCHOLAR**

**Anthony Diep Rosas**

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE  
POSSE LOS ANGELES ALUM

The Luce Scholars Program offers early-career leaders an immersive professional experience for one year in Asia. As a Luce Scholar, Anthony had an opportunity to advance community-informed preventative and public health initiatives in Thailand and Japan. Recognized as a changemaker, Anthony was also awarded a Samvid scholarship to pursue an MD at the San Francisco School of Medicine in the Program in Medical Education for the Urban Underserved (PRIME-US).

**“AS A PHYSICIAN, I AM COMMITTED TO EQUITABLE HEALTHCARE FOR ALL PEOPLE. I am deeply intrigued by solutions to combat social detriments of health and formulating anti-oppression pedagogical practices in medical education”**

**GILMAN SCHOLAR**

**Ahtziri Gonzalez**

DAVIDSON COLLEGE  
POSSE VIRTUAL PROGRAM SCHOLAR

The Gilman Scholarship provides critical access to study abroad for undergraduate students. Ahtziri, who used the funding to study in Mexico, is the first Posse Virtual Scholar to win a Gilman scholarship.

**“I STUDIED PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH AN IMMERSIVE SUMMER IN MERIDA, MEXICO. Not only did I learn more about my Mexican heritage, but I also learned about contemporary public health issues through coursework, community engagement, and an internship experience.”**





## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOW

### **Bukuru Anaclet**

POMONA COLLEGE  
POSSE CHICAGO ALUM

The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP) recognizes outstanding graduate students pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees in STEM. Bukuru plans to use the NSF grant to support his doctoral studies in chemistry at the University of Virginia.

**"I HOPE TO ENGAGE THE GREATER CHARLOTTESVILLE COMMUNITY through chemistry, tutoring, and mentorship. My goal is to increase the retention of underrepresented students in STEM."**

## FULBRIGHT GRANTEE

### **Charlotte Greenhill**

BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
POSSE BAY AREA ALUM

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries. With the English Teaching Assistant award, Charlotte will support English language classrooms in Brazil

**"I AM EXCITED TO NETWORK WITH PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS in my host city and learn about health system strengths and challenges in a Brazilian context. After Fulbright, I will pursue full-time employment in global health program design, monitoring, and evaluation with an emphasis on Latin American populations and international collaborations."**





## GOLDWATER SCHOLAR

### Dawn Ford

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
POSSE HOUSTON ALUM

The Goldwater Scholarship is the most competitive and prestigious STEM scholarship for undergraduate students in the US. It funds sophomores and juniors who plan to pursue careers in research. As a Goldwater scholar, Dawn's research focuses on developing technologies to help the US mitigate the impacts of climate change.

**"I PLAN TO PURSUE A PH.D. IN MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING. It is a goal of mine to mentor undergraduate students in STEM. I want to create technologies that help the United States achieve a net zero carbon footprint using low-cost, naturally abundant materials."**

## RANGEL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOW

### Denzel Degollado

HOBART & WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES  
POSSE LOS ANGELES ALUM

The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program supports outstanding individuals who are interested in careers in the Foreign Service. Denzel's Fellowship will help fund his graduate studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service concentrating on global politics and security.

**"AS AN IMMIGRANT, MY FIRST FORMAL INTERACTION WITH THE U.S. WAS WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MANILA. This personal experience, reinforced by my academic and professional experiences, fueled my interest in diplomacy. Rangel will help bring me back to the place where it all started – a U.S. Embassy abroad."**





**DAVIS PROJECTS FOR PEACE  
AWARDEE**

**THOMAS J. WATSON FELLOW**

**FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT  
PROGRAM GRANTEE**

**MARSHALL SCHOLAR**

**GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLAR**

**FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR**

**Derron Wallace**

WHEATON COLLEGE

POSSE NEW YORK ALUM

**“DURING MY FULBRIGHT, I INVESTIGATED BLACK YOUTH’S EXPERIENCES** with newly implemented school-based policing in the UK from 1970-2020. The findings contribute to international educational research, forming the basis for my upcoming book.”

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program offers funding for academics and other professionals to conduct research abroad. Derron is the first Posse alum to receive the Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant. In addition, Derron was awarded two post-graduate scholarships, including the Marshall scholarship and Gates Cambridge scholarship for graduate study in the UK.



**TILLMAN SCHOLAR  
UBBEN FELLOW  
YALE LAUNCHPAD SCHOLAR  
TRUMAN SCHOLAR**

**Desaree Edwards**  
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  
POSSE VETERANS SCHOLAR

The Tillman Scholarship offers financial and mentorship support to veterans, active service members, and their spouses. As part of the inaugural Yale Launchpad Scholars cohort and Truman Scholar, Desaree receives preparation and support for her career centered on legal advocacy of human trafficking survivors.

**“THE TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP WILL ALLOW ME TO PURSUE A JD WITH AN EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC INTEREST AND CRIMINAL LAW. I am passionate about advocating for adult survivors of human trafficking by increasing awareness and victim identification, strengthening legal advocacy services and expanding survivor-centric policies.”**

**FUND FOR EDUCATION ABROAD SCHOLAR  
TRUMAN SCHOLAR**

**Dewayne Martin**  
HAMILTON COLLEGE  
POSSE MIAMI ALUM

The Truman Scholarship provides graduate funding and mentorship opportunities to those who exemplify leadership and a commitment to a career in public service. Dewayne plans to utilize his scholarship to pursue a law degree.

**“THROUGH DIALOGUE WE CAN DISCOVER HOW TO CREATE SOLUTIONS TO ISSUES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. With my work in reproductive freedom and local education advocacy, I will commit to ensuring people can lead decent and fulfilling lives, starting with protecting their right to their body and voice.”**





## CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE UNIVERSITY FELLOW

### Dulce Rivera

TULANE UNIVERSITY  
POSSE NEW ORLEANS ALUM

The Clinton Global Initiative University (CHI-U) Fellowship is a cohort-based program comprised of students who are committed to taking action on pressing challenges facing their communities. As part of CGI-U, Dulce received support and training for a self-designed research project.

**“FOR CGI-U, I FOCUSED ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF IMPOSTER SYNDROME. I hope to continue my research and spread awareness about imposter syndrome and promote positive mental health practices among those within the Posse Community.”**

## NOAA HOLLINGS SCHOLARSHIP

### Gregory Roitbour

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY  
POSSE NEW YORK SCHOLAR

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Hollings scholarship is awarded annually to students seeking careers in oceanic and atmospheric science. The Hollings Scholarship provides recipients with financial support for two years and a paid summer internship at any NOAA facility nationwide. Greg will use this award to support research in sound physics.

**“MY INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, PAIRED WITH MY KNOWLEDGE OF PHYSICS, will prepare me for an internship with NOAA under the Hollings Scholarship. After graduation, I will pursue a graduate degree in Physics with the goal of teaching at a university.”**







## PATTI GRACE SMITH FELLOW

### Harrison Jenkins

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY  
POSSE BAY AREA SCHOLAR

The Patti Grace Smith Fellowship provides effective pathways for Black students into successful aerospace careers. Through the fellowship, Harrison was paired with iSpace, Inc, a startup company who in 2022 became one of the first commercial companies to launch a lander vehicle to the moon on a SpaceX rocket.

**“THE PATTI GRACE SMITH FELLOWSHIP OFFERED ONE OF THE MOST ENERGIZING AND AFFIRMING EXPERIENCES I HAVE EVER HAD, and I walked away with 30 new close friends and some extremely valuable connections. I cherish the work experience and industry knowledge that I received from iSpace.”**

## GILMAN SCHOLAR FUND FOR EDUCATION ABROAD SCHOLAR

### I'Maya Gibbs

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
POSSE NEW ORLEANS ALUM

The Gilman and Fund for Education scholarships broaden access to study abroad for undergraduate students. With these scholarships, I'Maya traveled to the UK and attended the prestigious London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

**“STUDYING ABROAD HELPED ME BUILD INTERCULTURAL CONNECTIONS between the United Kingdom and America. In the UK I built my artistry and explored theater techniques and exercises by following my passion for theater and interacting with peers in my program.”**



**GILMAN SCHOLAR  
MARSHALL SCHOLAR  
PAUL & DAISY SOROS FELLOW**

**Janel Pineda**

DICKINSON COLLEGE  
POSSE LOS ANGELES ALUM

**“MY RESEARCH FOCUSES ON CONTEMPORARY SALVADORAN POETICS and the pedagogical applications of poetry as a liberatory and healing practice for Central American communities. I want to carve out a path that enables me to continue mentoring, educating, and organizing with people committed to justice, human dignity, and the transformative power of art.”**

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans honors the contributions of immigrants and children of immigrants to the United States through graduate education funding. Janel will use the fellowship to support her doctoral education in Chicana/o and Central American Studies at UCLA.



## BEINECKE SCHOLAR

**Jazmyn Gillespie**

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE  
POSSE CHICAGO ALUM

With the Beinecke Scholarship, Jazmyn plans to pursue a PhD in Psychology to study the impacts of oppression and colonialism on identity development. The Beinecke Scholarship funds the graduate education of exceptional students in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

**“I WILL RESEARCH WHETHER ANTI-BLACKNESS WAS USED AS A COLONIAL TOOL in the Philippines and Puerto Rico and if it informs how they see themselves in the present day. I will apply this knowledge to the way I mentor students and counsel clients as a therapist.”**

## DAVIS PROJECT FOR PEACE AWARDEE

**Joan Do-Truong**

DENISON UNIVERSITY  
POSSE BOSTON ALUM

The Davis Projects for Peace Identifies young leaders focused on developing initiatives to promote peacebuilding. Selected by Denison University, Joan’s project is a self-defense series that stems from the rise of overt anti-Asian violence.

**“MY PROJECT ADDRESSES THE LONG HISTORY OF ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT IN THIS COUNTRY. To further the vision of having safer communities, we are hosting a summer program for youth participants to recognize themselves as community members while also building physical agency.”**





## FORD DISSERTATION FELLOW

### Jomaira Salas Pujols

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE  
POSSE BOSTON ALUM

The Ford Dissertation Fellowship provides one year of support for doctoral students completing their research-based dissertation and connects fellows to a strong network of academics aiming to diversify the professoriate. Jomaira, currently an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Bard College, utilized her award to support her doctoral studies at Rutgers University.

**“THE FORD DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP PROVIDED ME WITH ACCESS TO A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS who share similar values and interests. I feel honored to be part of the Ford family and to continue its legacy of leveraging academic research for social good.”**

## MCNAIR SCHOLAR

### Kayla Fisher

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER  
POSSE D.C. ALUM

The McNair Scholars Program aims to increase graduate degree awards for students from underrepresented segments of society through training, mentorship, and involvement in research. Kayla’s research focused on social cognitive development.

**“MY GOALS ARE TO TEACH ON A COLLEGIATE LEVEL, RESEARCH ON BEHALF OF MY COMMUNITY, and utilize my research to create multi-dimensional approaches to tackle systemic problems. I am grateful for the continuous support from my mentors. I will work to provide these opportunities to others.”**





**FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT  
PROGRAM GRANTEE**  
**HUMANITY IN ACTION FELLOW**  
**THOMAS R. PICKERING FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS GRADUATE FELLOW**

**Maribel Vasquez Molina**

FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE  
POSSE NEW YORK ALUM

**“MY FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCES INTRODUCED ME  
TO A GLOBAL NETWORK of international relation  
professionals conducting fieldwork with NGOs, private  
sector, academia, and governments with similar  
end-goals overseas. This exposure had a direct impact  
on my decision to become a U.S. diplomat.”**

Maribel Vasquez Molina is a Public Diplomacy Officer for the Bureau of International Organization Affairs. Prior to this, Maribel was a Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellow, a Fulbright grantee to Venezuela and a Humanity in Action Fellow to Denmark. Maribel's Pickering Fellowship funds her master's studies at the American University School of International Service.



## UDALL SCHOLAR

### Max Sano

FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE  
POSSE NEW YORK ALUM

The Udall Scholarship supports leaders interested in public service and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or to the environment. Through the award, Max managed gardens at Franklin & Marshall College while conducting research with the Earth and Natural Environment Department's Sustainable Food.

**"THIS OPPORTUNITY ALLOWED ME TO CONTINUE MY ADVOCACY EFFORTS** through a variety of initiatives including sustainable gardening, environmental research and journalism, as well as local advocacy and coordination with other environmental and social justice organizations."

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS SCHOLAR

### Melanie Vaughn

SEWANEE: THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH  
POSSE D.C. ALUM

The National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program (NHSC SP) funds students pursuing eligible primary care health professions training. Melanie will fulfill her fellowship requirements through working as a family nurse practitioner in medically underserved communities.

**"THIS PROGRAM WILL PREPARE ME FOR MY LONG-TERM GOAL** of empowering and uplifting communities of color through addressing issues of health inequity via policy work and community-based interventions."





**UBBEN FELLOW  
GOLDWATER SCHOLAR**

**Monica Bradford**  
DENISON UNIVERSITY  
POSSE CHICAGO ALUM

The Goldwater Scholarship Program identifies the next generation of research leaders in STEM fields. As a Goldwater Scholar, Monica's work focuses on donor acceptor columnar liquid crystals. As an Ubben fellow, Monica interned with Stéphane Bancel, CEO of Moderna.

**"MY RESEARCH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO SOLVING PRESSING MEDICAL ISSUES which disproportionately affect people of color in America and across the world. The Goldwater Scholarship will help me in my future pursuit of a PhD Chemistry."**

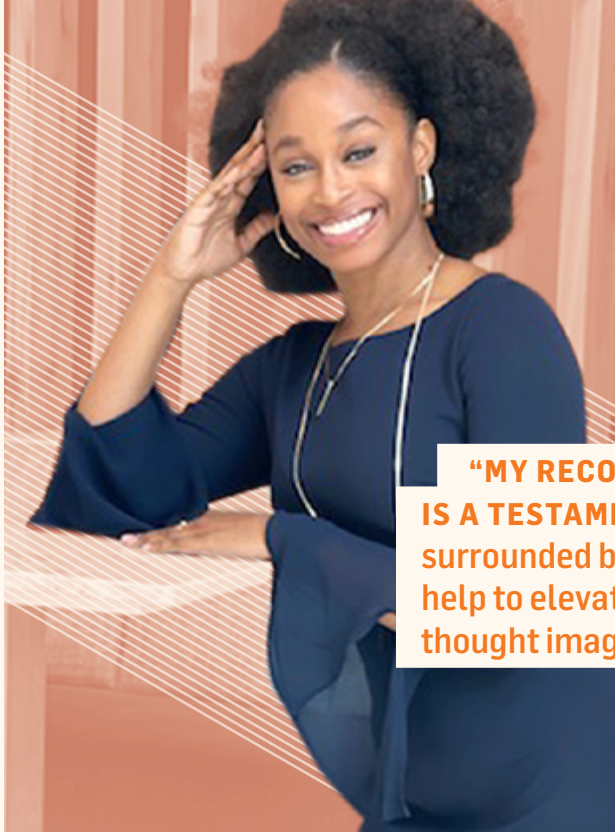
**GILMAN SCHOLAR  
REACH THE WORLD TRAVELER**

**Olivia James**  
THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER  
POSSE ATLANTA ALUM

The Gilman Scholarship supports American students in language and cultural studies in diverse regions across the globe. In addition to receiving the Gilman Scholarship, Olivia received a Reach the World fellowship, which pairs travelers with a K-12 classroom to encourage global study.



**"TRAVELING INTERNATIONALLY SEEMED SO FAR AWAY A FEW YEARS AGO but fortunately with my Posse Scholarship and my Gilman International Scholarship, I have been able to experience Buenos Aires, Argentina and understand the country more culturally, economically, and Politically."**



## MARSHALL MOTLEY SCHOLAR

### Princess Jefferson

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE  
POSSE HOUSTON ALUM

The Marshall-Motley Scholar Program supports and develops the next wave of civil rights lawyers in the South. With this fellowship, Princess will be pursuing her JD at Howard University. She is eager to continue working to dismantle barriers that stand in the way of justice.

**“MY RECOGNITION AS A MARSHALL-MOTLEY SCHOLAR IS A TESTAMENT TO THE SUCCESS ONE CAN HAVE when surrounded by individuals and groups who both seek and help to elevate you beyond what you may have personally thought imaginable.”**

## PPIA FELLOW

### THOMAS R. PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS GRADUATE FELLOW

### Rachelly Buzzi

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY  
POSSE MIAMI ALUM

The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship Program supports outstanding individuals who are interested in careers in the Foreign Service. Rachelly’s Pickering Fellowship funds her master’s studies at the American University School of International Service.

**“I AM SO EXCITED TO BE THE FIRST PERSON IN MY FAMILY TO ATTEND GRADUATE SCHOOL, to expand my knowledge of international relations, and to embark on the unique opportunities that the Pickering Fellowship provides.”**







## CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLAR

**Rebeca Maxima Mendoza**

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  
POSSE VETERANS ALUM

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) program provides overseas foreign language instruction and cultural immersion experiences. Rebeca received CLS to study Swahili in Tanzania.

**"MY RESEARCH GOAL IN TANZANIA FOCUSES ON OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE ACCESS to eliminate preventable maternal and childhood deaths. I look forward to the intercultural engagement with native Swahili speakers and the opportunity to share my unique perspectives."**

## TILLMAN SCHOLAR MARSHALL SCHOLAR

**Ricky Holder**

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
POSSE VETERANS ALUM

The Marshall Scholarship identifies intellectually distinguished young leaders and provides them with funded admissions to top graduate programs in the United Kingdom. As a Marshall Scholar, Ricky attends the University of Oxford in pursuit of an MPhil in Comparative Social Policy. Prior to the Marshall Scholarship, Ricky was the first Posse Scholar to be named a Tillman Scholar, an award that recognizes the outstanding leadership potential of veterans, active service members, and their spouses.

**"I INTEND TO PURSUE ELECTED OFFICE TO CREATE A CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM that preserves low-income families, protects children, and invests in communities. With the Marshall Scholarship, I will build a productive bilateral relationship between the US-UK on the issue of child welfare."**





## FREDERICK DOUGLASS GLOBAL FELLOW

### Ryan Javier

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY  
POSSE BAY AREA SCHOLAR

As part of the Frederick Douglass Fellowship, Ryan conducted a comparative study of social justice leadership in America, South Africa, and Ireland. During the four-week summer program, Fellows travel to Washington, DC, Cape Town, Dublin, Derry, and Belfast to explore the legacies of historical leaders who promoted social change.

**"I AM ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR WAYS TO ENHANCE THE VOICES OF STUDENTS FROM UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, just as Frederick Douglass had. Just as he used poetry and public speaking, I want to utilize different forms of art to achieve this goal."**

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOW

### Angele Sewa

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY  
POSSE ATLANTA ALUM

The NSF GRFP recognizes outstanding graduate students pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees in STEM. Angele received an NSF grant to support her doctoral studies in biochemistry at Stanford University.

**"I APPROACH SCIENCE WITH A FOCUS ON MENTORSHIP, since through my mentors I was able to identify and use the tools that have allowed me to succeed. It is my duty to make scientific research accessible so that those who follow me can flourish in the scientific research community."**



## RESILIENCE AMIDST UNCERTAINTY

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 on travel, resilient Posse Scholars found a way to engage with international education. Posse Scholars and alumni demonstrated their adaptability and determination to continue their academic and professional pursuits during a global pandemic. The following Posse Scholars and alumni share how they handled COVID restrictions and the impact of the pandemic on their international fellowship programs.





## FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM GRANTEE

### Brandi Taylor

HOBART & WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES  
POSSE LOS ANGELES ALUM

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study, and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries. Brandi's Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Kenya was cut short due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Brandi reapplied and was granted a second Fulbright to return to Kenya.

"I think the biggest lesson I learned from my experience is that everything happened for a reason! Because my Fulbright ended unexpectedly, I returned home and immediately started my first year of teaching at a school district I loved. I came back and finished graduate school, transitioning from a first-generation undergraduate graduate to a first-generation graduate of grad school. I received another Fulbright in an even more amazing location than my last, built closer connections with people, and was even able to come back home to my school district and my students who had waited for me. Everything aligned perfectly. When something is meant for you, it will happen. If not, that may mean something even greater is waiting."



## FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM GRANTEE

### Eddy Diamantis

DICKINSON COLLEGE  
POSSE NEW YORK ALUM

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study, and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries. Eddy's Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Brazil, awarded in 2020, was delayed by two years due to the Covid Pandemic.

"The delay allowed me to get a job as a Project Finance Reporter for Infralogic, covering Latin American infrastructure and energy projects. I spoke Spanish and Portuguese with sources while advancing my understanding of politics and economic development within South America. Come April 2022, I was more experienced and excited to apply what I learned during COVID to my placement."



## GILMAN SCHOLAR

### **Kelena Matthews**

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
POSSE VETERANS ALUM

The Gilman Scholarship supports American students in language and cultural study abroad programs in diverse regions across the globe. Kelena's experience was affected due to the COVID pandemic, but Kelena found a way to conduct her Gilman project virtually.

"My virtual study abroad provided me with the opportunity to learn about gender inequalities from a global perspective while trying something new. Despite COVID, I still felt greatly a part of the work being done at the Women's Safe House Sustenance Initiative. Shelter in place orders in the country meant that there was a 149% increase in the incidence of violence against Nigerian women and girls. With no other choice the organization had to adapt to finding virtual means to reach clientele and support those in need. My advice to future scholars is to be malleable and open to non-traditional opportunities."



## WATSON FELLOW SCHWARZMAN SCHOLAR

### **Opeyemi Awe**

GRINNELL COLLEGE  
POSSE D.C. ALUM

As a Schwarzman Scholar, Opeyemi was admitted to a master's program in Global Affairs at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. While the program started in-person in the fall of 2019, because of COVID, Opeyemi had to finish her program online.

"Sharing the experience with other scholars and being honest about the impact it had on us personally and academically anchored me and helped me persevere emotionally. Despite the disruption, I am still so grateful for my Schwarzman experience — I met such incredible people who continue to be a part of my life. To Posse scholars I would encourage them to take the leap when applying for fellowships. None of us know what tomorrow holds but it is still important to take advantage of these opportunities and see what you can gain from them. Life has a funny way of working things out if you're a little flexible and adaptable."

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