

GAF Scholarship Recipients

KENDALL W.

GISS 2023

I wanted to take the time to express my gratitude for my study abroad experience at GISS. My entire Scotland experience was new and interesting. I gained a lot of purpose from my experience at GISS. I have set the career goal of becoming a lawyer, but now I have started to plan what my life would look like outside of my career field. I have found a purpose to advance myself as a global citizen. This includes traveling and helping others to do the same for a more well-rounded world perspective. I learned so much in a short amount of time. My study abroad pushed me to limits mentally, physically, and emotionally that I didn't know existed. I am now confident that I have the ability to pursue anything I set my mind to. GISS will have an everlasting impact on me.

My scholarship was of the utmost benefit to me and I cannot express my gratitude enough! This scholarship gave me a new experience of a lifetime that I would otherwise not be able to encounter. It was undoubtedly an experience that I will never forget. Scotland helped to mature me in ways that I never could have imagined and I wouldn't have it any other way.

I cannot thank you enough for this opportunity and experience. It was truly a gift and I hope to work more with you all in the future.



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SANTANA W.

GISS 2023

I would like to thank GAF for the chance to meet lots of new people from around the world and it allowed me to see the world from a different perspective. I learned a lot about lots of different countries, and cultures, and how the world works outside of the United States of America.

Although I loved the experience, I want to share that GISS helped me through some personal challenges. One really big barrier I had was getting out of my comfort zone. I like to do things the same as I always do them but the GISS intensive activities were an entirely different thing for me. I had never been camping, been on a boat, or been hiking. Breaking out of my comfort zone was scary at first but in the end, it felt amazing.

The scholarship benefitted me because it opened my mind up about how the world was outside of the United States or even outside of my state. It was intriguing to learn about the different issues or lifestyles that different countries have around the world.

This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I will never forget and tell anybody and everybody to try and get an experience like this one because it can open your mind to lots of new ideas and make you a better global citizen.

