

PURA VIDA IN COSTA RICA ~ SUMMER 2022

Meet Giselle, a Spanish & Writing for New Media Major, with a Certificate in Peacebuilding. She's a Promise Scholar, and Honors Scholar, and Recipient of the Gilman Scholarship

"When I was first flying into San Jose, I was terrified because it was the first time I traveled on my own to another country, but I became less apprehensive about trying new opportunities. The risks are worth taking."



Benjamin A. Gilman
International Scholarship

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Why did you choose Costa Rica?

-I chose Costa Rica because of its biodiversity and I wanted exposure to a different Latin American perspective than the one I come from, as a Mexican-American.

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First Impressions:

-It reminded me a lot of Mexico, but there was more green than in the part of Mexico my family is from. The people were very friendly right away. I loved our program director, who was with us — she was the first person I met.

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Future Impact:

-I was the first person in my family to study abroad, so I'm hoping that generationally with younger cousins, I can encourage them to study abroad. I hope that I can help other countries get a different perspective on what a United States citizen is.

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Piece of Advice:

-Be willing to engage with the locals from the host country because that is a big part of the learning experience as well as practicing the language. It's also fun to hear other people's stories of their experience growing up in that country and learning different perspectives and different worldviews.

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