

20-year Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program Top Producing Institutions
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Dear Dr. Scroggins:

Congratulations to Mount San Antonio College on being named one of the 20-year Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program Top Producing Institutions. This achievement is a testament to your institution's deep commitment to ensuring that America's next generation of leaders – students of all backgrounds – engage internationally to foster mutual understanding and develop critical skills in support of our national security and economic prosperity. The U.S. Department of State is proud to celebrate the 20 years of partnership between the Gilman Program and the U.S. higher education community to make study abroad more accessible to outstanding and diverse American students who otherwise would not have had the funding for an international academic experience. Mount San Antonio College has been recognized for its role as a Gilman Top Producer for the past two decades in the Associate Institutions overall Top Producer category on <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/topgilman/>, social media through #topgilman, and in the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announcement at the Diversity Abroad conference on October 27.

Since the U.S. Congress established the Gilman Program with the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000, more than 34,000 competitively selected U.S. undergraduate students, who are Pell Grant recipients, have studied or interned abroad as Gilman Scholars in more than 150 countries. These diverse students exchange ideas with their peers and serve as unofficial representatives of the United States abroad, leading to greater understanding and stronger relationships between the U.S. and other countries. Gilman Scholars return home to share their experiences on their campuses and in their communities, and many pursue careers in government, business, education, and civil society, using the knowledge and skills gained on the program to make our nation and our world more prosperous and secure.

Mount San Antonio College's place among the institutions producing the most Gilman Scholars over the past 20 years clearly demonstrates your dedication to preparing Americans for today's dynamic global economy and interconnected world. I hope you will let us know if there are further ways we can help you to support the Gilman Program or other State Department-sponsored exchange programs on your campus.

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