

Two Stockton Graduates Earn Fulbright Awards

Prestigious Academic Awards Will Take Them to Posts in Cyprus, Malaysia

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Barrick chose to apply for a Fulbright in Cyprus because she was fascinated by the “cultural footprint” caused by the divide between the Greek-administered South and the Turkish-administered North, which she experienced on her first visit there.

During the Fulbright program, she most looks forward to integrating herself into another culture and gaining greater knowledge of Cypriot art and literature.

Barrick loves teaching, but said she could be interested in working at a journal, magazine, or doing museum work in the future.

“I’m not ready for graduate school,” she said. “When you apply to a Ph.D. program, you sort of need to have a project in mind. Right now, I have so many interests that I want to explore, and that is what I hope to do during this Fulbright experience.”

Pinkney said she applied for the Fulbright program because she is interested in international economic development.

“I chose Malaysia because it has an interesting mix of culture there,” Pinkney said. She said she saw it as a “great opportunity to extend my learning here as a student.”

During the Fulbright program, Pinkney is hoping to help the students learn about American culture and learn about their culture as well. While in Malaysia, Pinkney also plans to volunteer at a health clinic or do research related to health care.

During her last semester at Stockton, she interned with United Way Worldwide through Stockton’s Washington Internship Program. As a health research intern, she helped to increase healthy food access for children in an afterschool program.

In 2013, during the summer going into her junior year, Pinkney studied abroad in Brazil. She has also traveled to Spain, Portugal, Mexico, Canada, and the Caribbean Islands.

As an undergraduate at Stockton, she was also involved in research with Dr. Matthew Bonnan, associate professor of Biology, and Dr. Benjamin Ellis, assistant professor of Chemistry.

After the Fulbright program, she plans to go to medical school to pursue her MD, PhD or MD-MPH. She plans to combine her interests in international development and health care.

“I see myself working in health care settings to reduce health inequalities,” Pinkney said. “I’ve always known that I wanted to pursue medicine since high school,” she said.

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Dr. Roessel, Dr. Mary Lou Galantino, professor of Physical Therapy, and Dr. Joseph Lema, associate professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies, all previous Fulbright recipients, served on the interview committee at Stockton for the on-campus Student Fulbright application process that led to these awards. The committee was chaired by Dr. Robert Nichols, professor of History, and the Fulbright Program adviser for Stockton. Dr. Nichols has earned four Fulbright awards for his research in Pakistan, India and the United Arab Emirates.

Barbara Fisher, a 2013 Honors Physics graduate of Stockton from