



WICHITA STATE
UNIVERSITY

Study Abroad Spotlight

Current Student



Gary Kinard

Study Abroad Program:
Summer 2017 3-week program
Okayama University, Okayama, Japan

What did you enjoy most about Japan?

What I enjoyed the most about Japan was the common courtesy of politeness from the Japanese people. Everyone was so very kind and truly respectful towards me. Every day you will receive courtesy bows from everyone, warm welcomes when entering any business establishment and cheerful farewell wishes hoping you will return again. I enjoyed the Japanese people most of all. Thank-you WSU Study Abroad Program for the life changing experience.

Why would you recommend a summer study abroad program to other students?

I would recommend students to a summer study abroad program because many "once in a lifetime experiences" can be gained in a short period of time. You can leave your home nest and be yourself. You can make new lifelong friends, learn a different language, enjoy a different food culture and still earn college credits.

How did you decide to study abroad?

Personally, I was born in Japan and my mother is Japanese but passed away many years ago. So, I decided to go to Japan because I still have family members there that I am searching for now. By learning more about the Japanese customs and language, it will allow me to fully communicate with my family once I do locate them. Therefore, I have also decide to return to Japan in the spring of 2018 for a complete semester with the WSU Study Abroad Program. Hope to see you there!

