

# Shocker Spotlight

## *Fulbright Scholar*



### **Kiah Duggins**

Program: BBA degree –Economics, International Business & Spanish majors

Graduation Date: July 2017

*Fulbright Scholar Program*

*English Teaching Assistant (ETA) in Taiwan*

*August 2017-July 2018*

#### **Q: Can you describe what you will do as part of the Fulbright program?**

A: I will mostly be teaching English to primary school students and completing service projects as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA). I may also help run English camps and lead students in extracurricular activities.

#### **Q: Why did you decide to apply for the Fulbright program?**

A: I've lived in Kansas for my entire life, so I am acutely aware of my need to learn about the perspectives and customs of people who are different from me in this rapidly globalizing world. The Fulbright ETA program is an amazing facilitator of international cultural exchange, and it will also allow me to explore my love for education and working with students in an exciting new context.

#### **Q: What are the benefits of this program?**

A: The program provides ETA's with an excellent cultural exchange opportunity by encouraging us to become involved in the community through service projects and extracurricular activities, giving us the opportunity to work directly with students, and covering all of our living and airfare expenses.

#### **Q: What do you hope to gain from the experience?**

A: I will be a teacher in Taiwan, but I ironically hope to gain the humility and increased awareness that comes with being a student. The world is much bigger than my limited experiences, so I am hoping that being an ETA in Taiwan will help me to become more compassionate, more useful, and more nuanced in my perspectives and beliefs.