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ALUMNI UPDATE



Kevin Rachlin is the Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs at InterAction, an alliance of U.S.-based relief and development organizations. Kevin leads InterAction's advocacy efforts to the US Government to advance the policy priorities of InterAction

and its NGO members.

Kevin joined InterAction from the Basic Education Coalition, where he served as the Director of Government Affairs. In this capacity, he was a leader in legislative and policy formation for the global

education community, engaging deeply with other advocates to pass the Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act in 2017.

Prior to his tenure with the Basic Education Coalition, Kevin spent nearly seven years working for J Street, a pro-Israel pro-peace advocacy organization in Washington serving in multiple roles, including the organization's Deputy Director of Government Affairs, spearheading advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill, and Deputy Chief of Staff. Kevin also sits on the Board of Directors for Kids4Peace, a global movement of youth and families dedicated to ending conflict and inspiring hope in divided societies around the world. He is also an Arlington County Government Commissioner.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, Kevin received his MS in Global Health and Medical Policy from George Mason University. He received his dual BA from The Ohio State University in Security & Intelligence, and Political Science and a minor in Hebrew. He lives in Arlington, Virginia with his wife, Jennifer, two daughters and dog.



BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

SAMANTHA BEU

Samantha Beu is majoring in International Relations & Diplomacy, with a minor in Korean. She had the opportunity to study abroad during the summer of 2018 on the ISA Seoul Summer Program in South Korea. The Gilman International Scholarship helped Samantha fund her program abroad.

“Spending the summer of 2018 in Seoul, South Korea was quite possibly the best experience I’ve had as an undergraduate. As a recipient of the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship as well as the Monda International Experience Scholarship, I was tremendously grateful for the opportunity to travel abroad for the first time to study at the prestigious Korea University. Not only was I able to engage with locals and experience the

beautiful language, culture and cuisine of South Korea, but I also had the fortune of traveling around the country during my free time. From visiting the historical Gyeongbokgung Palace, to hopping on a plane to Jeju Island to see the famous Jeongbang waterfall, to climbing Mt. Paldal and hiking the 6 km Hwaseong Fortress around the city of Suwon, I felt nothing short of fulfillment during my stay in Korea. After completing my program at Korea University, I was awarded the Academic Excellence Award and have since kept in contact with my professors as well as the amazing friends I made in the process. I am so thankful for my experience and would encourage anyone to take the opportunity to travel abroad.”

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