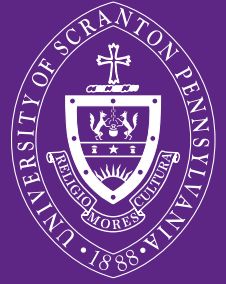




EMMANUEL AKPAN JR.

FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP TO CYPRUS



In addition to teaching English as a second language to students in Cyprus, Akpan also plans to volunteer by tutoring and peer mentoring at youth centers and work with the Cyprus' deaf community.

Akpan graduated from the University in 2014, cum laude, with a bachelor's degree in neuroscience and as a member of the University Honors Program. His thesis for the Honors Program was titled "The Face and Sexual Orientation: A Comprehensive Evaluation of Measurable Facial Differences Between Heterosexual and Homosexual Individuals" and completed under the tutelage of J. Timothy Cannon, Ph.D., professor of psychology. The project involved looking at biological markers (facial structure) in order to have a better understanding of sexual orientation and the influences that result in varying sexual orientations.

At the University, he was a member of the Health Professions Organization and the chair of its mentorship program and a leader of the St. Ignatius' Examen Prayer Group. He also completed a service trip to El Salvador through the International Service Program. He served as a resident assistant, community assistant, peer tutor, team leader for the New Student Orientation Program, Leadership Programming Intern for the Center for Student Engagement and as a facilitator with Promoting Awareness of The College Transition. A Dean's List student, he was a member of Beta Beta Beta (the national honor society for biology) and Nu Rho Psi (the national honor society for neuroscience). He was also named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

In Cyprus, Akpan wants to give students the opportunity to reach their highest potential by helping them with their understanding of the English language and American culture and hosting leadership-oriented seminars and discussion groups.

"It is such an incredible honor and blessing to serve as a representative for the United States and The University of Scranton. Serving as a teaching assistant will be a sensational opportunity to develop mutual understanding between Americans and the people of Cyprus," he said.

Akpan is a graduate of Morris Catholic High School in Denville, N.J., and is the son of Emmanuel Akpan Sr., Ph.D., and Julia Akpan of Flanders, N.J. Upon completion of his Fulbright, he plans to enroll in medical school and work within broadcasting as a health and medical journalist.