



MATTHEW TIBBITTS

FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP TO MALAYSIA



The recipient of a full-tuition Presidential Scholarship to the University of Scranton, Tibbitts graduated in 2014, magna cum laude, with a bachelor's degree in health administration with minors in business and economics. A four-year member of the University's lacrosse team, he was selected to the Landmark Academic All-Conference Honor Roll in 2012, 2013 and 2014. He also received the University's Merit Award, which recognizes graduating seniors for academic excellence and athletic achievement.

Tibbitts applied for a Fulbright in Malaysia because he believes the diversity of ethnicities and cultures there will help him become more understanding and accommodating in a career in health administration. He will bring to Malaysia extensive experience in teaching, coaching, tutoring and mentoring students. He has worked with preschool students at a Montessori School; with children with special needs in a summer school setting; and with teenagers at a summer camp. He also volunteered with lacrosse clinics for local children.

Last year he completed internships at Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City and Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania in Wilkes-Barre. A Dean's List student, he was a member of Upsilon Phi Delta (the health administration honor society) and participated in the University's Leadership and Civic Responsibility Seminar. He served as treasurer for the Health Administration Society and was a member of the Criminal Justice Club. He was also named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Besides teaching English as a second language in Malaysia, Tibbitts also hopes to coach sports teams there and volunteer at a health care center or other nonprofit organization.

"The main reason I chose Malaysia stems from my time at Sloan-Kettering. I interacted with patients of all different ethnicities, religions and cultures. What I studied about Malaysia really seemed to emulate that same diversity. The ability to teach students and learn about the country's people will be an invaluable experience," he said.

Tibbitts is a graduate of Conard High School and is the son of Kate and Jeff Tibbitts of West Hartford, Conn.

In the future he plans to seek employment in health administration at a children's hospital or cancer center and enroll in an MBA program.