Student awarded a Boren Scholarship

St. Paul, Minn. - David Goldstein ’16, from Sharon, Mass., has been awarded a Boren Scholarship. He’ll be studying Arabic in Ifrane, Morocco, for nine weeks this summer on a full government scholarship.

Boren Scholarships provide American undergraduate students with the resources and encouragement they need to acquire skills and experiences in areas of the world critical to the future security of our nation, in exchange for their commitment to seek work in the federal government. Boren Scholars may study abroad in Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded.

Goldstein will be in Morocco from May 29 - July 27, 2013, studying at Al Akhawayn University. He will study Islamic Art, intensive oral Arabic, intensive written Arabic, and each weekend he’ll travel around the country with the school.

Receiving the Boren Scholarship will help him in his future plans.

“The Boren is the next step towards a career abroad in the Federal Government,” said Goldstein. “This scholarship somewhat solidifies that I will be working in the information technologies. Similarly, at Mac, this scholarship will narrow my Computer Science focus to more Internet systems security. The biggest change from receiving the Boren, however, will be my increased level of Arabic reading, writing and speaking.”

Boren Scholarships are funded by the National Security Education Program (NSEP). In exchange for scholarship funding, all Boren Scholars must agree to the NSEP Service Requirement which stipulates that an award recipient work in the Federal Government in a position with national security responsibilities. The Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, State, or any element of the Intelligence Community are priority agencies.

Goldstein is grateful to Macalester and his professors. “This scholarship is a validation of the high standards of excellence and intellectual environment in place at Mac,” said Goldstein. “Without my awesome professors and counselors, I likely may never have been given such a great opportunity.”

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