



ELLEN (MAGGIE) COYNE

FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP TO SOUTH KOREA



An early childhood and elementary education major, Ellen (Maggie) Coyne earned a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from The University of Scranton.

She received the Excellence in Early Childhood and Elementary Education Award at commencement.

Soon, she will teach English in an elementary school and volunteer in South Korea.

Coyne is honored to have been chosen as a 2012-2013 Fulbright grantee and is eager to represent the U.S. abroad through her work and studies. A self-described lifelong athlete, she plans to integrate her love for sports into her learning experience in South Korea.

“I relish the opportunity to further develop my skills in Korea while immersing myself into the vastly different culture,” said Coyne, who, in addition to high school athletic teams, participated in the Ultimate Frisbee Club for all four years at the University. She intends to become involved with youth sports by coaching track, volleyball or basketball.

In addition to athletics, Coyne intends to become involved with organizations serving those with special needs.

Her teaching experience is extensive. Coyne has logged many hours of student teaching, tutoring and classroom observation. Further enhancing her educational background, Coyne served as the chapter president of the Council for Exceptional Children, working with children with disabilities, and as chapter treasurer of the Association for Childhood Education International, promoting educational and developmental programs.

Other activities include Leaders for a Brighter Scranton, a club that works to instill Jesuit ideals into students, and of which Coyne is a founding member.

She has served in a leadership capacity on University Ministries' retreats and has worked off campus as a mother's helper, providing care to several young children.

A dean's list student at the University, Coyne is a member of Kappa Delta Pi (the international honor society for education).

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Upon her return to the states, Coyne plans to obtain her master's degree in special education, while pursuing a career teaching children with special needs under the age of three. She intends to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the Fulbright scholarship to bring diversity and multiculturalism to her future classrooms.

“The experience would make me a culturally competent and globally aware educator,” said Coyne.

A native of Stony Point, N.Y., Coyne is a graduate of Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia, N.Y., and is the daughter of Ellen and Matthew Coyne of Stony Point.