



ANNA DICOLLI

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP IN PUBLIC HEALTH TO SPAIN



Active both on- and off-campus, Anna DiColli graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in neuroscience from The University of Scranton in 2010, with minors in Spanish, management and history. Prior to receipt of the Fulbright, she served as director of volunteer programs and global operations at the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children in Philadelphia.

As a Fulbright scholar in Spain, DiColli will conduct her research at the Center for Intercultural Documentation within the Migration Institute at the University of Granada to explore health resources for immigrants.

“I will evaluate what resources are available in response to the health needs of the diverse immigrant population and investigate how health workforces are developed to meet their specialized needs,” said DiColli. “With the consistent influx of immigrants to the United States and Spain, the intersection of culture and health has proven to be a contemporary, relevant issue in both countries that affects politics, healthcare and policy.”

Community service will continue to play a large role in DiColli's life while in Spain. She plans to volunteer with Granada Acoge, a nonprofit group that provides support to immigrants by assisting them with navigating social systems and accessing services.

At The University of Scranton, DiColli received the outstanding service/ leadership award from the Panuska College of Professional Studies in 2010.

A dean's list student, DiColli is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu (the national Jesuit honor society), Nu Rho Psi (the neuroscience honor society), Alpha Mu Gamma (the foreign language honor society), Alpha Epsilon Delta (the national health pre-professional honor society) and Pi Gamma Mu (the social sciences honor society).

As a recipient of the University's full-tuition Presidential scholarship, DiColli was selected as the student representative to speak at the University's Presidential Business Council's annual award dinner in 2009.

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While at Scranton, DiColli also founded and co-directed EFFORT, the Excess Food for Others Recovery Team. She also volunteered as coordinator of the food pantry and clothes closet at the Leahy Community Health & Family Center on campus. She served as president of the Scranton Neuroscience Society and helped to organize the University's annual Brain Bee contest. She contributed photos to *Esprit*, the University's literary and art magazine, while still finding time for research. She presented her research at the Celebration of Student Scholars on campus and at the Business and Health Administration international conference in Chicago, Ill.

Already a veteran in traveling abroad, DiColli has studied in Italy, Mexico and the Philippines. She has volunteered in Nicaragua and El Salvador, and served as a teaching assistant to a medical school course for four weeks in Uganda.

Upon her return to the U.S., DiColli plans to pursue a master's in public health and an MBA.

Her ultimate goal is to train health professionals in cultural competence and equip them with the tools and expertise they need to provide quality healthcare to culturally diverse populations.

The valedictorian of her graduating class of Cardinal O'Hara High School, Springfield, she is the daughter of Margaret and Rich DiColli of Broomall.