

Kyra Zogbekor - 2010-2011 Ambassador Scholar from Rotary District 7450

Kyra Zogbekor is Rotary District 7450's newest Ambassador Scholar!

Sponsored by the Eastwick/Philadelphia International Airport Rotary Club, Kyra will be studying at the University of Ghana in Accra, Ghana during the 2010-2011 academic year.



Kyra represents the perfect blend of the scholar and the practitioner. She has already built a strong record of service to others via her social work and research in both the USA and Africa and is hoping to enhance and broaden this type of professional impact through this scholarship opportunity.

Bright and articulate, Kyra's social service background is a living demonstration of Rotary ideals. Here in the USA, she has reached out to others in the areas of child welfare, community development, preventing domestic violence, mental health interventions, and drug and alcohol recovery.

However, Kyra describes her 26 months in the Peace Corps in Togo, Africa, as the most influential experience of her life. She lived in this medium-sized village with no indoor plumbing, no running or fresh water, and unpredictable access to electricity. None of this got in the way of her work which was centered on Empowering Girls and Women; Kyra built many professional relationships with government officials, social workers, medical providers, education officers, women's groups and non-governmental organizations.

With a university achievement record of the highest caliber (Hampton University, the University of Pennsylvania and Bryn Mawr College), Kyra is a commanding speaker and an effective communicator, and as such, she will be a wonderful public representative of Rotary and the USA in this Ambassador Scholarship venture.

Kyra has a dynamic personality. She exudes enthusiasm, focus, persistence and dedication toward making the world a better place. Her passion is to transform lives and create opportunities, the perfect formula for an Ambassador Scholar.

Ambassador Scholar Makoto Kuwabara from Japan



Ambassador Scholar Makoto Kuwabara from Japan received his master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in May of 2010. Makoto's wife, Chihiro and new baby, Manaka, are pictured at his right. Makoto's host counselors in the USA were Joan Batory (far left) and Joe Batory (far right).

Incoming Ambassador Scholars For 2010-2011

Seven visiting Ambassador Scholars will attend the University of Pennsylvania during 2010-2011 according to information recently received from the Rotary Foundation.

After all of these Ambassador Scholars have arrived in the Philadelphia area sometime in August of 2010, an orientation will be conducted for them by the Rotary District 7450 Scholarship Committee.

This year's incoming Ambassador Scholars are: Caroline Marie Anne Lea Borges (Belgium); Shuichi Wanibuchi (Japan); Yusuke Yoda (Japan); Hideya Muraoka (Japan); Jae Won Shin (Korea); Heon Jeon (Korea); and, Nicholas Falconer (New Zealand).