



Toi Mickle

Gilman International Scholarship Alumni Ambassador

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*"I was merely existing in school searching for ways to survive.
Gilman helped me to survive so that I could elevate."*

During her time in the United Kingdom, Toi earned credits toward her B.A. degree. She believes that storytelling is a true form of art and is a very important factor in the way we see the world. While abroad, she connected with the Travel and Arts Society and joined other students from culturally different backgrounds to travel to Paris, Italy and Amsterdam. These experiences connected her to people who saw the world through a different lens.

Toi received her A.A. in Humanities (2008) and B.A. in English Creative Writing (2013). She is a current Kennedy King Scholarship Scholar and recipient of the David Schirra Scholarship (2012) and Los Medanos College Scholarship (2012).

- ★ Previous homeless student
- ★ Studied Creative Writing at San Francisco State University
- ★ Accepted to Mills College Master of Fine Arts program
- ★ Author of *The Scholarship Thief*, a book to help underprivileged students succeed
- ★ Developed workshops for students who are prepared for college



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