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UW-Eau Claire student receives Fulbright English teaching assistantship

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EAU CLAIRE — A University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire student has been awarded a Fulbright grant to complete an English teaching assistantship from August 2013-April 2014.

Senior Adam Bosetski, a Spanish and history education major from [Denmark](#), will teach English to university students in Barranquilla, Colombia. He also will work on a supplementary project that focuses on promoting Colombian society and further cooperation between the U.S. and Colombia.

"When I opened the email from the Fulbright Commission in mid-March, I was beyond ecstatic," Bosetski said. "It was extremely rewarding to know that my hard work and determination had paid off, and that my dreams of getting to experience the world were continuing to happen every day."

Bosetski said that he applied for the Fulbright program while searching for post-graduation options.

"I knew I was going to apply for jobs as a teacher, but I also knew I wanted to experience the world a bit more before I decided to take a long-term job," he said. "The Fulbright program matched my ambitions perfectly."

While in Colombia, Bosetski hopes to introduce a program similar to UW-Eau Claire's [Blugold Beginnings](#) program as his supplementary project.

"Promoting education has always been a passion of mine," he said. "I will work with students who may have barriers stacked against them, whether economically or socially, and allow them to have experiences that stress the importance of higher education."

Cheryl Lochner-Wright, the Fulbright program adviser at UW-Eau Claire, helped Bosetski develop his application. She said that he was very passionate about the country he chose and took action to ensure his project would be successful in the host country.

"In addition to his teaching qualifications, Adam demonstrated a broad understanding of recent Colombian history, the current political situation and perhaps most impressively, the

current government's policies on education and educational access," Lochner-Wright said. "In developing the supplemental project that he will carry out during the time he is not teaching, he consulted with a current teacher in Bogotá and could therefore be confident that his project was both interesting and feasible in the Colombian educational system."

Bosetski eventually hopes to teach Spanish at either the middle or high school level. He said he will continue to share his insight of the Colombian culture with those around him.

"What I do know about my future is that I intend to share my knowledge of Colombia and its people to not only my future students but to citizens across the United States and show them that the marred former realities of a war-torn country are being washed away," he said. "Colombia has and is continuing to emerge as a country that has been revitalized."

The Fulbright program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between U.S. citizens and those of other countries. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

The Fulbright program operates in more than 155 countries worldwide and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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