

# MIA KAWAMITSU

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## EDUCATION

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY | Ames, IA

Anticipated: MAY 2024

*Bachelor of Arts, Journalism/Mass Communication & International Studies*

GPA 3.93/4.0

- **Minor:** Fashion, Culture, History & Social Justice
- **Certificate:** Leadership Studies

KOREA UNIVERSITY | Seoul, S. Korea

AUG – DEC 2022

- Participated in university exchange to Seoul, South Korea, where I built and navigated cross-cultural relationships with peers and locals
- Completed coursework in Cultural Diversity, East Asian and Korean Studies

## COMMUNICATION SKILLS

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- **SOFTWARE:** Canva, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, Adobe (InDesign, Premiere, Audition, Illustrator, Photoshop)
- **STYLE GUIDES:** Associated Press (AP)
- **LANGUAGES:** Japanese (Fluent, Heritage Speaker), Korean (Beginner)

## INTERNSHIP & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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VIRTUAL STUDENT FEDERAL SERVICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM | US. State Department

SEPT 2022 – PRESENT

*Communication & Outreach Support Intern*

- Support digital media outreach efforts for the Pickering and Rangel Fellows Association at the U.S. State Department through the Virtual Student Federal Service Internship Program
- Compile and synthesize data of fellows to find areas to improve the fellowship retention rate, community, and support to fellows
- Create professional visual and written products to facilitate external and internal communication to raise awareness of Pickering and Rangel Fellows and other State Department programs

HONORS RESEARCH MENTOR PROGRAM | Ames, IA

JAN – MAY 2021

*Research Mentee*

- Conducted research to compare the social media communication narratives of three global humanitarian NGOs that advocate for refugees
- Analyzed compiled data to synthesize how the refugee crisis is portrayed on social media by different types of humanitarian NGOs and the communication strategies used towards raising awareness for refugees

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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AMBASSADORS IN SNEAKERS | Saarbrücken & Berlin, Germany / Washington D.C., USA

JUNE – AUG 2022

- Participated in transatlantic academy on human rights that brings together 12 youth council members from both Germany and the USA
- Developed knowledge of both countries' political structures and international networking by meeting with activists, media representatives, politicians, and speakers

SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY INTENSIVE LANGUAGE PROGRAM | Seoul, South Korea

JUNE – SEPT 2021

- Completed 90 hours of intensive Korean language training course taught virtually (synchronous) and collaborated with international peers to practice speaking skills
- Developed improved speaking, reading, and writing skills in Korean

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE | Osaka, Japan

AUG 2017 – AUG 2018

- Participated in advancing international understanding, sharing goodwill, and becoming a global citizen as a student ambassador of the U.S.
- Interpreted English to Japanese and vice versa to help communication between Rotarian members and other international exchange students
- Built cross-cultural relationships with peers, host families, Rotarians, and fellow exchange students from around the world
- Mentored outgoing students during their outbound preparation by sharing personal experiences and insight as a Rotex (exchange alumni)

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT | Ames, IA

FEB 2023 – PRESENT

*Director of International Student Experience*

- Develop and execute initiatives to enhance the college experience for international and multicultural students at Iowa State through collaboration with partners in the university and the City of Ames
- Serve as the Student Government liaison between the International Student Council and the International Students & Scholars Office

GREENLEE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM | Ames, IA

AUG 2021 – PRESENT

*Greenlee Ambassador*

- Assist the Greenlee academic advisors to promote the Greenlee School to prospective students by sharing personal college experiences, sharing knowledge of the curriculum and opportunities on campus, and conducting tours of the department
- Provide student perspectives to the department and work with other Greenlee student organization leaders to improve student and administration relationships within the Greenlee School

TREND MAGAZINE | Ames, IA

SEPT 2020 – PRESENT

*Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (April 2021 – present), Fashion Director (Jan 2021 – present)*

- Initiate ways to improve values of diversity, equity, and inclusion for the magazine such as changing the names of committees to use 'femme' and 'masculine' rather than separate them by the gender binary (e.g. previously Trend-for-Men Accessories)
- Facilitate discussions on inclusivity with a fashion-focus to educate and ensure magazine staff are well-versed in inclusive practices

CARGILL GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM | Minneapolis, MN

MAY 2021 – PRESENT

*Mentee & Scholar*

- Build professional and personal leadership skills through leadership development training, seminars, and 1-on-1 mentoring
- Enhance global understanding through collaboration and networking with other global scholars from Brazil, China, India, and Indonesia
- 1 of 3 students from Iowa State chosen nationwide for the 10 member U.S. cohort

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL | Ames, IA

SEPT 2020 – MAY 2022

*Executive Secretary (May 2021 – 22), Advocacy Outreach Ambassador (Sept 2020 – May 2021)*

- Advocated for student equity and resources for the international community at Iowa State
- Collaborated with university administration, other student organizations, and Ames community members to organize events and provide resources to international students such as scholarships, furniture, and transportation to the nearest airport to return home over breaks
- Organized annual events with attendance of over 500 people to showcase the diverse cultures and lifestyles of the international community

INTERNATIONAL FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE SEMINAR | Ames, IA

AUG 2021 – MAY 2022

*IFYE Leader*

- Assisted teaching a class of international students to help them transition to college and life in the U.S. and be successful at Iowa State
- Advised students from around the world such as Brazil, France, Malaysia, and South Korea

FIRST-YEAR HONORS PROGRAM | Ames, IA

MAR 2021 – DEC 2021

*FHP Leader*

- Co-led a class of 14 first year honors students by leading discussions, facilitating group activities, and organizing university speakers to help familiarize students with resources on campus and set them up for success for the rest of their time at Iowa State
- Developed a semester worth of lesson plans that included class goals, objectives, preparation, and action plans for the orientation class

## ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

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- PHI KAPPA PHI HONOR SOCIETY APRIL 2022 – PRESENT
- SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD SEPT 2021 – PRESENT
- IOWA STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD SEPT 2021 – PRESENT
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS COLLABORATIVE NOV 2020 – NOV 2021
- PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP CLASS AUG 2020 – MAY 2021

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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- G. TRUMAN & KARLEEN DRAPER SCHOLAR MAY 2021
- GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOLAR AUG 2021
- TOP 2% OF CLASS 2021, 2022
- COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES DEAN'S LIST FALL 2020 – FALL 2022