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**04.16.2009 | Students, Education** For the first time in a single year, three University of Dayton students have been awarded prestigious Fulbright scholarships for international study.

Sara Storti, a senior majoring in teacher education and German from Bloomington, Ill., will teach English in Germany.

Jessica Mueller, a psychology graduate student, is also headed to Germany to teach English. She's from Elyria, Ohio.

- Meghan Manning, a senior Chadds Ford, Penn. majoring in teacher education with an emphasis in special education, will teach English in Korea.

"I'm interested in seeing how the Korean education system deals with students in special education," Manning said. "This experience will really put what I know about the American system into the context of how someone else does it."

John McCombe, associate director of the University of Dayton's honors program and Fulbright advisor, said all three students have been awarded Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships to teach English and conduct service and independent learning opportunities.

The students will leave in August and be in the host countries for 10 months. The Fulbright award provides travel, living expenses as well as enrichment and language instruction opportunities, he said.

"The University has had regular Fulbright recipients for the past decade, including two in 2006-07, but this was a year in which especially gifted students were nominated," McCombe said. "It is a tremendous honor for these students. They are being rewarded for consistently high academic performance, and all of them are motivated by a strong desire to travel and study internationally."

The three Fulbright winners will join a record 658 University of Dayton students who will travel overseas to study and for service. Enrollment in overseas experiences at the University is 5 percent higher than last year's record pace, in contrast to a nationwide decline in applications to study-abroad programs during the economic downturn.

An emphasis on international education is part of the University's strategic initiative to prepare students for life and work in an increasingly international, diverse environment.

One of the most prestigious national scholarships, the Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by then U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. State Department.

Fulbright awards support graduate and undergraduate study and teaching grants in more than 155 countries across the world.

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