



PHILIP J. KACHMAR

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA IN VANCOUVER, CANADA



As a Fulbright scholar to Canada, Philip Kachmar will pursue his two passions: comparative politics and ice hockey.

A member of The University of Scranton's Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program, Kachmar earned his bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in 2011, double majoring in political science and philosophy.

As a Fulbright scholar, he will pursue a master's degree in political science at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, where he will study "the fundamental identity of North America as a political entity and the implications of this identity on North American integration."

He will work with Philip Resnick, Ph.D., a renowned political theorist, who is currently engaged in "a detailed analysis of North American identity and integration, the project in which I will participate," according to Kachmar.

"In an increasingly globalized society, it's very important for states to understand not only how they differ, but why they differ and what they can learn from these differences," said Kachmar. "A comparative study of the values that the United States and Canada share might allow for greater political cooperation to tackle global problems like climate change, economic crises and terrorism."

Change in cooperation among European countries has furthered Kachmar's interest in North America. In 2009, along with other students from The University of Scranton, Kachmar participated in the Mid-Atlantic European Union simulation, where he won Best Foreign Minister.

"Europe went from a continent that was constantly at war in the 20th century to the largest single economy in the global system in the 21st century. Because of integration, Europe has a more powerful voice in the promotion of human rights. This realization led me to wonder about whether greater integration could occur in North America," said Kachmar.

A dean's list student, Kachmar was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha (national political science honor society) and Alpha Lambda Delta (the national freshmen honor society).

At Scranton, Kachmar served as a host on the student radio station, WUSR, as a President's Alumni Liaison, class senator for Student Government, and as one of the editors of *Esprit* magazine. He also participated in intramural soccer and flag football.

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Off campus, Kachmar volunteered for the United Neighborhood Centers' leadership program. He was an intern for Senator Arlen Specter and a marketing intern for Guard Insurance, Wilkes-Barre.

Kachmar also participated in a three-week study tour of China in 2009 and in a two-week ice hockey tour of the Czech Republic and Austria in 2005.

Kachmar can never get too much hockey. He serves as the head coach for the Valley West High School Junior Varsity Ice Hockey team and assistant coach for the varsity squad. He often plays right wing for the East Mountain Bears, an adult hockey league. Previously, he served as assistant coach for the Scranton Junior Knight Youth Hockey team.

His future plans include law school or a Ph.D. program, eventually leading to a career in diplomacy or foreign affairs.

A graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, he resides in Kingston with his parents, Molly and Carl Kachmar, and his brother, Michael.