

MARC ANDRIS VALLONE Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Brazil

As a Fulbright teaching assistant, Vallone will bring extensive experience as an educator to his students.

After graduating from The University of Scranton in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in marketing, he spent a year teaching English as a Second Language, special education, music and physical education as a volunteer at The Working Boys Center, a human development organization in Quito, Ecuador. The group offered education and family services to the city's poorest citizens. After that experience, he joined the staff of the high school from which he graduated, Camden Catholic High School.

Vallone, of Collingswood, N.J., was inspired to service work by the example of his parents, Domenic and Chris Vallone. While at The University of Scranton, he completed a 10-day service trip to El Salvador, during which he and other students helped build a health clinic.

During his undergraduate work, Vallone was a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma (the business honor society), the men's crew team and chairman of the Career Services Marketing Initiative Committee. He was a recipient of the Peter S. Graybar Memorial Scholarship and the Bernard R. McIlhenny Medal for Excellence in Leadership and Service.

Over the past few years he has also been a board member of the Young Adult Ministry at the Romero Center, Camden, N.J., and the David's Educational Opportunity Fund, Madison, Wis.

Vallone recently earned a master of business administration degree from LaSalle University and received the school's MBA Excellence Award as one of the top five graduates in the program.

He chose to apply for the Fulbright to Brazil through The University of Scranton's program having been named a Fulbright national finalist as a graduating senior in 2010.

During his time in Brazil, Vallone plans to work with at-risk youth in afterschool programs and non-profit organizations. Upon returning to the United States, he plans to work in a management role for a social non-profit organization that assists inner-city teens.

"To represent Camden Catholic High School, The University of Scranton and the United States of America in Brazil is an honor and a responsibility I am not taking lightly," Vallone said. "I am truly humbled and incredibly lucky to have earned this opportunity."