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# International Horizons



## *Student from Pakistan comes to Alcorn*

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At the beginning of the spring 2014 semester, Usman Liaquat was looking forward to his time in the United States and Alcorn State University. Usman is from the city of Lahore in the Punjab state of Pakistan, and his family lives in a small city in Punjab called Main Chanu.

Usman, an exchange student for one semester, graduated from the Intermediate Model College for Boys (IMCB), F-8/4 Islamabad, Pakistan in 2011, where he studied Computer Science. He is now studying Computer Science (Software Specialization and Software Engineering), at Federal Urdu University of Arts and Science Technology, where he is in his junior year. His favorite subjects are graphics, designing, computer programming, and networking. Some of his

non-academic interests are taekwondo, painting, sketching and tourism. He also enjoys traveling, having new experiences and meeting new people.

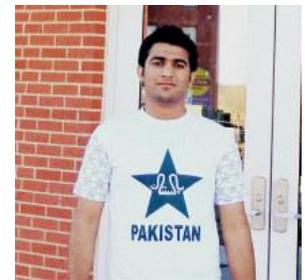
Usman learned the English language all by himself, through his studies at the English Medium Institute. English is Pakistan's second official language. He has always tried to keep his aims high and his goals fully accomplished.

Usman was impressed by Alcorn's environment. He found the campus friendly and the atmosphere to be a peaceful place to learn.

This was Usman's first trip to the U.S., and during his stay he visited Memphis and Nashville, TN; Washington D.C, Dallas and Houston, TX; Atlanta, GA;

New Orleans and Baton Rouge, LA; Chicago, IL, and Orlando and Miami, FL. He really enjoyed his time in Chicago.

Usman received a fully funded scholarship from the United States Department of State, administered by the International Research Exchange Board (IREX).



Usman Liaquat, a junior from Pakistan, exchange student at Alcorn State University for the Spring 2014 semester.

## *Nicaragua Study Tour by Alcorn Students and Faculty*

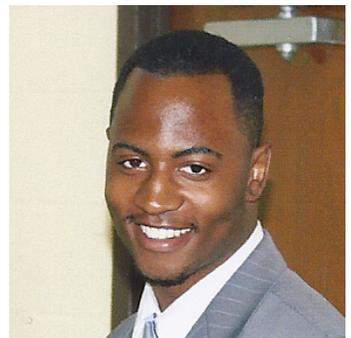
In March 2014, 10 students participated in a study tour, along with four Alcorn State University faculty, staff and administrators, to Universidad Nacional Agraria (UNA) in Managua, Nicaragua.

The 10 participating students were Brittini Echols, Adrian Russ, Justin Johnson, Teneka Green, Corderrius Stephenson, Jessie Hayden, Jaz'Markey Wiggins, and Lexus Kennedy. The trip advisors were Dr. Dovi Alipoe, Agricultural Economics professor and the director of Global Programs, Dr. Evelin Cuadra, professor of Animal Science, Zulma Cuadra, a staff

member at the Alcorn Experiment Station, and Dr. Donzell Lee, interim provost and executive vice president of Alcorn State University.

The students evaluated their trip upon their return and here is what one student, Justin Johnson, had to say about the tour:

“Visiting Nicaragua for a second time on a study abroad tour provided me with the pleasure of seeing the economic and social improvement of the country. I have truly grown to love Central America, for its people, for its culture and for the sheer greatness I see in the country.



Justin Johnson, student member of the Nicaragua Study Tour.

Being in Nicaragua helped in the progression of my Spanish and it will definitely be used in my future, whether it be in my career or my life in general.”

**Special points of interest:**

- For various study abroad scholarship opportunities, please visit our website at <http://www.alcorn.edu/academics/schools/areas/global-programs/scholarships/index.aspx>
- *Congratulations to De'Michael Queen, Lawrence Warren and Calvalencia Raven-Pilate on receiving The Gilman Scholarship to study abroad for the Spring 2014 semester!*

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United States Department of State Diplomat-in-Residence John Roberts gives a presentation on the various career opportunities available with the USDOS.

## International Notes

There were a number of newsworthy international events that took place during winter 2013-2014.

- On March 6, 2014, there was a presentation on Careers in the United States Department of State (USDOS) given by John Roberts, Diplomat in Residence for Southeast Texas-Louisiana, stationed at the University of Houston. Mr. Roberts talked about the different career opportunities that exist with the USDOS.
- Four Alcorn students were studying abroad for the Spring 2014 semester. Three of the students were in Taiwan: De'Michael Queen, Lawrence

Warren and Calvalencia Raven-Pilate. One student, Lauren Gagnon, went to Thailand for her study abroad term.

- On March 20, 2014, an all-day UN Conference was held. The topic of the conference was "Sustainable Development". Four speakers from the United Nations talked on various international issues. The speakers were Jamaican Ambassador Courtney Rattray, Matthias Klettermayer, sustainable development officer for Communication and Outreach in the United Nations' Division of Sustainable Development, Shireen Said, global policy adviser on hu-

man rights in the Bureau for Development Policy at United Nations Development Programs, and Elsie Bernadette Onubogu, an international lawyer with expertise in the areas of human rights, gender, peacekeeping and development.

- During the winter 2013-2014 semester, members of Dr. Alena Funtikova-White's class held several videoconferences with students at Voronezh State Agricultural University in Voronezh, Russia, where they exchanged cultural information and discussed current events. The Russian students were under the supervision of Dmitry Kurilov.

### World Current Events Question

In what country are the Sunni and Shiites fighting for control?

- Afghanistan
- Nigeria
- Iraq
- Libya

Correct Answer: Iraq

### Summer 2014 Event

#### Russian Language Institute

Registration is now open for the Russian Summer Language Institute. The Institute runs from July 7 through August 8, 2014.

