

Alumni Matters



GWA is proud of alumnus Sam Hammond who is currently serving as a member of the Peace Corps in Ukraine, helping stabilize and decentralize their government at a local level. After earning his MBA in International Business at Kennesaw State University and joining the Corps, Hammond saw a need in Ukraine to help localize their government. After reaching out to State Representative Bruce Williamson, who also serves on the GWA Board of Trustees, Hammond was connected with UGA's Carl Vinson Institute. In partnership with the Institute, he is now playing an active role in bettering Ukraine's government. With the overall goal being to help improve Ukrainian citizens' quality of life, Hammond is helping implement a standardized training program for local government officials to create a more efficient system at a county level.

When asked about his time in a new country so far, Hammond said, "The experience has been an incredible one. I've always strongly believed that working in a foreign country for a period of time is a great opportunity to develop unique views on everything from business practices to world politics, and this experience has been no exception to that. It's amazing to see the rapid growth in Ukraine as they shape their country into what they hope it will become in the future."

Hammond said that his love for international travel actually began during his time at GWA when he was able to go abroad for the first time to Ireland on a class trip, adding, "GWA provided me with a strong foundation that I was able to build upon through future work at university and the workplace."

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