

# Jessica Wilson

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## Education

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Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, minor in Spanish December 2015

Towson University, Towson, MD

- Dean's List Fall 2011-present
- Thesis, Spring 2014: "Thesis Title"
- Honors College (After graduation, change to "University Honors Scholar")

Study Abroad | International Center for Development Studies, San Jose, Costa Rica

- Human Rights and Development in Latin America Program August 2014-December 2014

## Service and Leadership, Towson University

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Students Helping Honduras at Towson University | Treasurer August 2012-December 2015

- Drafted and maintained budget through the Student Government Association
- Attended treasurer meetings and budget hearings run by the Student Government Association
- Served on the executive board; planned fundraising events and led weekly meetings
- Helped raise funds that ranked nationally among SHH groups

Honors College | Student Director of Scholarship and Service May 2013-December 2015

- Developed and launched a mission project within the college (see Kiva Initiative)
- Advised honors students during office hours about courses, schedules and requirements
- Presented to prospective students at the Honors College Open House; guided incoming students during annual Honors College Orientation Weekend
- Promoted community development and engagement by continued presence in Douglass House (Honors residence hall) and at Honors College events

The Kiva Initiative of Towson University | Founder, Co-President August 2013-December 2015

- Established group mission of helping to eradicate global poverty through microfinance
- Researched global poverty to compile presentations for weekly meetings
- Spearheaded the planning of fundraising events; uploaded funds raised to Kiva to make microfinance loans in each semester's region of focus

Half the Sky of Towson | Student Leader August 2013-December 2015

- Attended weekly meetings and provided significant input to discussions dedicated to worldwide women's economic oppression and empowerment
- Facilitated planning of yearly Half the Sky Day to raise students' awareness of global issues

International Student and Scholar Office, Towson University | Intern January 2015-May 2015

- Conducted and organized research about potential international partners and grants
- Collaborated with faculty to entertain and educate visiting international students
- Assisted in planning Towson University's International Education Week 2015

Maquita Cushunchic Cooperativa de Ahorro y Crédito (Savings and Credit Cooperative); Quito, Ecuador  
Intern December 2015

- Visited potential clients throughout Quito to gather prospective loan information
- Examined client applications to ascertain eligibility for microloans
- Practiced and improved Spanish language skills

Honors College Leadership Council | Academic Committee Co-Chair August 2012-May 2013

- Implemented the use of the Honors College Community on Blackboard Online
- Designed the “Create a Seminar” concept for students to build their own honors course

## **Achievements**

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- Team Leader, Seventh Annual Millennium Campus Conference at the United Nations August 2015
- Attendee, Clinton Global Initiative University Conference at Arizona State University April 2014
- Attendee, Towson Women in Leadership Conference April 2013
- Attendee, Millennium Campus Conference, students against poverty October 2012 and 2013
- Graduate of LeaderShape Towson, a national leadership development retreat program January 2013
- CliftonStrengths Workshop: Input, Woo, Positivity, Strategic, Achiever January 2013

## **Skills**

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- Intermediate Spanish skills (writing and conversation)
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)