



2014 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

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The outstanding student in INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS goes to **CRISTHIAN VERA**.

Cristhian is a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon International Economics Honor Society. His research arena included assisting Professor George Gonpu on issues of Macroeconomic Policy and Economic Growth in Liberia, as well as his own research paper "Quantitative Analysis of the Latin America 21st Century Social Economic Policies". He also attended the PhD Project in November 2013.

Cristhian interned at the United Nations in New York from August 2013- March 2014. He was assigned to work in the UN Second Committee (on issues of Economic Development, International Finance, Science and Technology for Development and Debt Sustainability), helped update the Charters for the candidatures of the Ecuadorian government to the different United Nations bodies and organizations (i.e. UNICEF, Security Council, etc.), and was a member of the negotiation team in the design of resolutions to address the vicious cycle of low growth, rising unemployment, poverty, climate change, energy, etc.

Cristhian received a Certificate from the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in International Environmental Law.

He also interned at The Trade Office of Ecuador, New York, NY as a Business and Market Research Assistant from April 2013 to September 2013. While there he analyzed the economy of prospective markets and prepared statistical reports and monitored prices in the American market for Ecuadorian exporting goods and also generate reports of target industries to help introduce Ecuadorian products to the American market and assisted in research of market tendencies for marketing strategies.

Fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and Italian, Cristhian's interests lie with Sustainable Development and Good Governance.

Cristhian's future pursuits include a Ph.D. in Economics and a career focused on Economic and Sustainable Development.