

# Loann Crane Award Recipient

## Kevin Gutierrez

Kevin Gutierrez is a Spanish major in his fourth year as an undergraduate. Kevin is also pre-med and will be attending medical school next year after he graduates in May.

He is the recipient of the National Buckeye Scholarship, Provost Scholarship, and Rectenwald Scholarship.

*The photo was taken while Kevin was working at a free clinic in Valparaiso. The boy in the photo was a patient from the local orphanage brought in by a nurse.*



### **In 2011, you received the Loann Crane Award. What did you do with the funds received?**

The Loann Crane Award allowed me to study abroad for 12 weeks in Chile where I spent 6 weeks at a university taking courses, then another 6 weeks working at a free clinic in Valparaiso.

### **What did this award help you accomplish in your studies and professional development?**

The study abroad experience was unparalleled. Chile was a wonderful place to be a traveler, student, and observer. I had the atypical opportunity to see the country through medicine. My time at the clinic allowed me to spend time with children at the local schools, visitors at the clinic, and the elderly who were bedridden in their homes. The opportunity was remarkable as a study abroad program and also as a clinical experience.

### **What do you remember the most about this experience?**

I remember the patients I met. I met many elderly patients who were unable to commute to the clinic themselves. The practitioners from the clinic allowed me to clean sacral ulcers, change diapers, and deliver flu vaccines.

### **What are the benefits of receiving this award?**

The Loann Crane Award removed the stress that comes with the finances of such an opportunity. The award allowed me to spend my time in Chile devoid of the concern for how I was going to find the money to fund the trip. Thus, I was able to thoroughly and completely enjoy my study abroad experience.