



# STUDENT Features

## Far-Flung Adventure

WSSU students got more than jetlag from their trip to Singapore. They got a lesson in life

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Imagine spending your summer vacation in a foreign land where you interact with a new culture while continuing with your educational goals.

Students from Winston-Salem State University, have not only seen this image, they have acted upon it, gaining new perspectives of the world in which we live.

Carmon Choice, a senior biology and chemistry major, and Temekia Wilkinson, a senior biology major, were two students from the university who recently spent their summer studying across the globe.

The two traveled to Singapore as part of a research program funded by Minority International Research Training (MIRT) from May 18 to Aug. 4.

They were joined by three other students, including two students from Medgar Evers University and Tougaloo College in Mississippi.

Choice said that there were things he expected when traveling to Singapore.

"I had some idea of what it was going to be like, cause we've had other students who went there before," he said. "I did not expect it to be like the U.S., nor like a third-world country."

The group studied at the National University of Singapore. However, it wasn't all fun and games as they were each involved in a number of research projects.

But as he stopped to take a look at his surroundings, Choice noted a few things.

"What stood out the most was the level of competition in Singapore. They have to start competing at a very young age for jobs," he said. "What you learn about Singapore when you arrive is that their people are the main resource. They have no natural resources, no oil, no coal. So they have to train their people to take on positions in companies."

Choice said that the

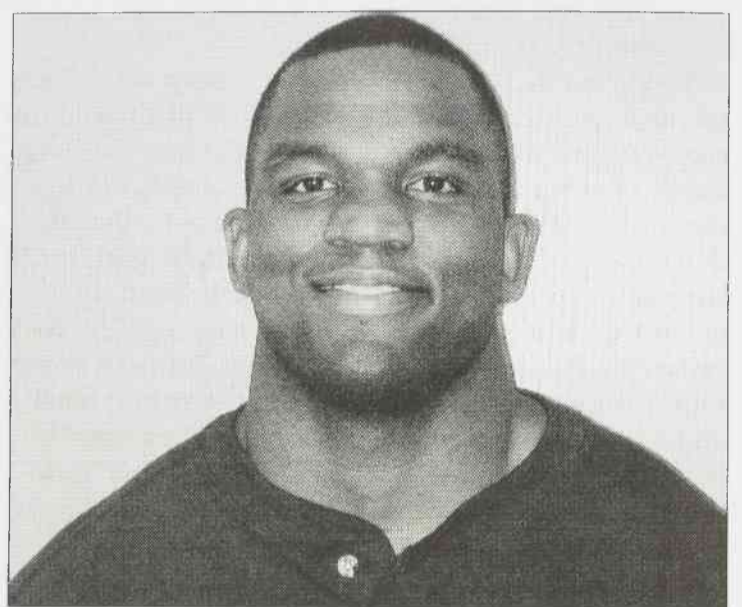


Photo by Keith Caesar  
Carmon Choice recommends that all students travel abroad.

program was extremely beneficial and helped him gain a better perspective of the world and a greater appreciation for the people of Singapore.

"Their time for extracurricular, sports, arts is limited. Because they are focused when it comes to their education."

He said that students in Singapore spend an average of six days in school.

While having just returned from one adventure, Choice is gearing up for another

journey this spring.

This time he will be heading to the outback of Australia where he will be attending the University of Wollongong for the semester.

As rewarding as this experience has been for him, Choice is encouraging all students, especially those in biology, to seek international education and see where it takes them.

"I would honestly enlighten people on traveling abroad, so that they get new perspectives."

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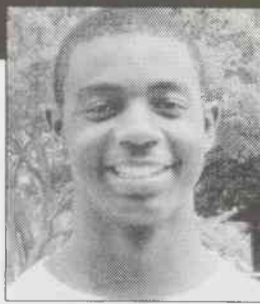
### Why did you choose to attend WSSU?

"I came to WSSU because I heard a lot of great things about the university. I also wanted to go to a historically black college so that I could be exposed to more black cultural events."



Julius Boseman,  
Charlotte

"WSSU's business program is nationally accredited and that is important to me



because I'm pursuing a business degree. I also decided to come here because my older brother goes here."

Blance Fullard, Wilmington

"After talking to WSSU alumni I got a better understanding of the university. They had a lot of school spirit and seemed satisfied with their educational experiences."



Constance Hyman,  
Wilmington

"I chose to attend WSSU because I wasn't ready to leave home. I also received a scholarship."



Aquilla Martin,  
Winston-Salem