



## **Kacie Miura**

**Peace Corps Volunteer**  
**Class of 2005**

**By Mikala Spain**

Kacie Miura is a Peace Corps volunteer in Fuling, Chongqing, China. She was assigned there in July 2009 and will spend the next two years there. Her primary job is to teach Oral English and western culture at Yangtze Normal University.

She graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she majored in Journalism and political science. In September 2008, she saw a Peace

Corps advertisement tacked onto a bulletin board and went online to find out more about the organization. In October she interviewed with a Peace Corps recruiter and was nominated for a teaching program in Asia because of her work experience tutoring international students in English. After become a PCV nominee she underwent a government background check and a series of medical examinations. She then became an invitee with an invitation to teach English in China. She had studied Mandarin in college. Kacie went to Chendu with 80 other Peace Corps volunteers and learned how to teach English to non-native speakers and learned about Chinese culture.

Kacie enjoys spending time with her college students, who are not much younger than her. Her Mandarin is getting better so she can go shopping, order dishes, and make small talk. However, she's having difficulty understanding the regional dialect because it's different from standard Chinese, or Mandarin. She enjoys all the food and says its super spicy. The weather is scorching hot and winters are very cold. The sky is

always very cloudy and polluted, so hasn't seen too many blue skies like in Hawaii.

After her Peace Corps duty, she plans to come back to Hawaii and return to UH Manoa for her master's degree. She plans on someday teach at an American university with a masters degree in political science. She also plans to go to the mainland for a PhD.

Kacie graduated from Waiakea High School in 2005. She was our SGA president and homecomings senior attendant. She loved being involved in student government and says that she learned so much from Mrs. Donna Tanabe, SGA Advisor. She still uses the skills that she learned in SGA now as she tries to build student leaders at her university in China.

