

Chris Hathaway's Journey to Japan

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Wilmington native Chris Hathaway is an English major at The University of North Carolina Wilmington. Three years ago, Hathaway decided to go back to school and study his passion, English. He gets a lot more satisfaction as a student studying English than working as a certified marine technician. When he heard about the Wentworth opportunity here at UNCW, he was eager to get started on it. Due to his positive attitude as a student and 4.0 grade point average, it was no surprise that he would become a Wentworth award winner.

This summer, Hathaway will be departing from Atlanta and flying directly to Tokyo, Japan. Keep in mind that Chris has plenty of travel experience in his past. He has traveled to such foreign places as Ireland, England, France as well as all over the Caribbean from his previous work experience as a marine technician. Hathaway will be studying the works of Haruki Murakami. His experience in Japan will be guided by the travel narrative, *Kafka on the Shore*. Hathaway will be visiting locations in Japan which Murakami had visited in his book. Along with studying the works of one of his favorite writers, Hathaway plans on broadening his understanding of the rich culture that Japan has to offer. Since Hathaway has an aunt that has Japanese background, he always showed a strong interest in Japanese culture which was one of the reasons that he chose this destination.

“I want to show students what UNCW has to offer in traveling abroad and other travel opportunities. It's important that people know how different other countries are compared to the United States. I also want to show people that Japan has a rich culture and modern literature that is compelling, not just the stereotypical comic books. There is a lot more to Japan than people are aware of.”

Hathaway is very excited about his upcoming trip. He cannot wait to experience and learn more about the Japanese culture. He is very thankful for the further educational opportunity that Charles Green and UNCW is giving him.