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Camille Pruvost
Principia College
ACI General Scholarship

Camille Pruvost chose to attend [Principia College](#) in Elsah, Illinois, to explore questions of theology and religion as part of a double major with music. She also chose Principia because she knew she could study in an environment where she could express her faith and be safe.

Pruvost, a fifth-year senior from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, says small classes and the liberal arts experience at Principia has helped her grow, too. "At Principia, I get to explore not only questions of religion and theology, but sciences that I have loved in middle school, like earth science. I'm taking a geology course right now," she says. "I get to explore politics, writing courses and different literature from around the world." Pruvost has also studied abroad in Paris, Prague, Vienna, and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.



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To Pruvost, music is a way to express ideas about religion and theology. After Principia, she hopes to attend a seminary, and earn a master's degree and doctorate, studying topics such as religious epistemology and apologetics, with a concentration in theodicy of the problem of evil.

"With all of that, my ministry would then be a music ministry – recording and healing through music," she says.

Pruvost is a soloist at her church, religion tutor and writing tutor. She helps in the music department and has been treasurer and secretary of Phi Alpha Eta, a scholastic honor society at Principia. She says her ACI General Scholarship has made it possible for her to continue singing. "It has meant that I'm able to continue taking voice lessons this semester," she says. "Because my major is music, it means I'm keeping up on vocal lessons. Having to cover that as well for a fifth year would have been a lot for me personally. So ACI meant that I could continue." It also means she can plan for another study experience abroad to Jordan, Israel, the West Bank and Palestine.

"I'm deeply grateful for the scholarship that I received," she says. "It's an investment in future thinkers, people that are really working to make the world a better place."