

EDMONDS COLLEGE TESTIMONIAL

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How did you learn about Edmonds? What made you decide to attend?

I learned about Edmonds College through a family friend who was a staff member on campus. She invited me to stay with her while I attended school. Before arriving though I did research on Edmonds College and liked that the campus was so open and full of nature. I also liked that there were many opportunities and pathways for students to achieve their goals. I found the programs very diverse like Culinary Arts and Political Science.

What was your impression of the campus? Location? People?

I like the campus location and I love that it is surrounded by trees. One of my teachers showed the class around campus and gave us a tour of the Community Farm. It is this wonderful space where students grow vegetables, flowers, plants, and tend to honey bees! It's run by students in horticulture classes and through volunteer programs. I thought that was very interesting!

How did you like your academic experience? Teachers? Classes?

On my current class schedule I have classes every day except for Fridays. This is great because then I am on campus meeting people and being social. I liked that when I was enrolling for classes I could make my class schedule how I wanted to be. I can balance my in-person and my online classes. My teachers all seem very nice and positive. Everyone I have met seems to like working here and teaching. It makes classes a lot nicer to attend as the teachers want their students to succeed. There are so many options at Edmonds College and I can always try something new.

Why did you choose your major?

My current program is the Associate of Arts transfer degree and I want to pursue a Political Science degree. Studying at Edmonds College will help me with any transfer plan. The diverse classes here will really help me no matter where I end up. I have always been interested in politics and the classes and staff at the school will definitely help me get where I want to go. I chose my major because I think the topic is fun and interesting, and it is challenging enough to keep me motivated.

Any favorite memories of Edmonds? How were you involved on campus? Did you have a job? Join a club? Receive a scholarship?

I just applied for jobs on campus. I really liked the Orientation Week for new students when we went to Seattle. During that week, we learned important things like how to use the bus. I like that Edmonds College provides events like Group Gathering and off campus outings as it helps us connect and socialize. The energy is different when you go off campus. It's so much fun!

What are your plans after graduation? Transfer? OPT?

I would like to stay in Washington and in the Seattle area. I would like to transfer and study Political Science.

What is your advice to students thinking of U.S.?

My advice is to do a lot of research on schools, location, prices, and transportation. Don't have too high of expectations but rather be open to this new chapter of your life. It is hard to make new friends but if you are open minded and put yourself out there you will find someone to eat lunch with eventually. You will have lonely days and fun days but stay positive and go to the college events like Group Gathering to connect with people.

What would you tell other students about Edmonds? How would you promote Edmonds College to students from your home country?

Culinary arts, arts in general, and nursing program certificates