

# EDMONDS COLLEGE

## TESTIMONIAL

### Featured Student: Dušan Đokić Country: Serbia



Izabrao sam Edmonds College zato što sam imao mogućnost da dobijem diplomu srednje škole i istovremeno da započnem koledž. To je bila ogromna šansa

za mene da završim dva programa u dve školske godine. Ja sam trenutno godinu dana ispred mojih vršnjaka iz Srbije. Planiram da radim godinu dana u Americi preko OPT-a i posle da nastavim školovanje na Univerzitetu. Moji prioriteti su Državni Univerzitet Kalifornije u Nortridžu ili Gradski Univerzitet Nju Jorka.

Kada sam došao u Ameriku osetio sam se veoma dobrodošlim; svi su prijateljski nastrojeni i pomogli su mi dosta za vreme orijentacione nedelje. Profesori se trude da objasne sve, da nas nauče što više i povrh svega velika su podrška. Kao internacionalni student, ja mogu da radim samo na koledžu. I dobio sam prvi posao! Posao mi pruža mogućnost da naučim dosta stvari koje će mi kasnije pomoći, ali takođe dobijam platu sa kojom mogu da platim stanarinu, knjige i ostale potrebštine.

Dolazak u Ameriku i Edmonds College je najbolji izbor koji sam mogao da napravim. Shvatio sam da je veoma bitno da se držiš svojih ciljeva i da nikad ne odustaješ. Na koledžu postoji veliki izbor aktivnosti, klubova i poslova. Učiti u školi i biti član nekih od aktivnosti na koledžu pomaže dosta da budete uspešni ka ostvarenju svojih snova.

I chose Edmonds College because I could get my High School Diploma and also, at the same time, start earning my Associate of Arts degree. It was great opportunity for me to finish two programs in two school years. I am now one year ahead of my friends in Serbia. I am planning to work for one year on OPT; then I will transfer to a university. My top two universities are California State University in Northridge or City University of New York.

When I arrived I felt very welcome; everybody was so friendly and helpful during orientation week. Instructors are very supportive and they do a great job of explaining and teaching. As an international student, I am only allowed to work on campus. I got my first job! I am learning a lot and I also earn a little money to help pay my rent, books and other necessities.

Coming to America and Edmonds was the best choice I could have possibly made. I realized that it is very important to stick to your goals and do not give up. There are so many opportunities on campus such as activities, clubs and jobs. Doing well in class and participating on campus will help you to be successful toward your dreams.

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Edmonds College je prvenstveno bio izbor mog dede gde bih ja nastavila studiranje. Mene su privukle odlike koledza, stoga sam želela da saznam više informacija preko interneta. Koledz mi se svideo jer je nudio sjajnu priliku da upoznam nove ljude iz različitih zemalja sveta, a isto tako i da proživim život kroz pravu američku srednju školu. Glavni razlog zbog čega sam ja došla u Edmonds College jeste što sam mogla da završim srednju školu, a u isto vreme da se pripremam i za koledz časove.

Kada sam došla u SAD, bila sam oduševljena ljudima, mestima i kulturom. Dok sam studirala u Edmonds Collegu upoznala sam dosta prijatelja i ostvarila veze kroz ceo svet. Bila sam oduševljena sa svojim predavačima; svi su jako prijateljski nastrojeni, uvek od pomoci i obrazovani. Oni su mi pomogli da prevazidjem svoje strahove i poteškoće. Postala sam samouverena i otvorena osoba. Na koledzu, ja sam birala časove koje volim i lako dostigla svoje ciljeve. Nakon prvog kvartera, dobila sam International Merit Scholarship jer sam vredno radila na početku srednje škole. Takođe, postala sam član Global Volunteer kluba kao i Hip-hop kluba. Uživala sam u dodatnim aktivnostima. Sada planiram da apliciram za International Assistant ulogu jer ću na taj način doći u kontakt sa novim internacionalnim studentima i pomoći im, kao i ohrabriti ih da vredno uče jer će se to kasnije isplatiti.

Odluka da dodjem u SAD je bio pravi izbor. Ja sam ponosna jer predstavljam svoju zemlju u pravom svetlu; osvojila sam mnoge nagrade i postigla uspehe na ovom koledzu. Edmonds College je bio glavna prekretnica u mom životu i staza na kojoj su moji snovi polako postajali java.

My grandpa chose Edmonds College for my future education. I was attracted to the services of the college; I looked for more information online. I liked the college because it offered a great opportunity to meet new people from different countries, as well as experience life through real American high school. The main reason I came to Edmonds was because I could finish my high school and at the same time prepare for college classes.

When I came to the US, I was amazed by the people, places and culture. Studying at Edmonds College, I met a lot of friends and made connections throughout the whole world. I was amazed by the instructors; all of them were extremely friendly, helpful and skilled. They helped me to overcome my fears and difficulties. I became self-confident and an open-minded person. In college, I took classes that I liked and reached my goals quickly. After first quarter, I received the International Merit Scholarship because of the hard work at the beginning of high school. Also, I became a member of Global Volunteer Club and Hip-Hop Club because I enjoy the extra activities. Now, I am planning to apply for International Assistant in order to interact with more international students, help and encourage them to study because that will pay back.

Coming to the US was the right choice for me. I am proud because I represent my country in a good way due to achievements and successes that I accomplished here. Edmonds College was the main transition in my life and the pathway to making my dreams come true.