# EDMONDS COLLEGE TESTIMONIALS

## **Ema Chhay**

## WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO COME TO EDMONDS COLLEGE?

I learned about Edmonds College from a friend and it was also recommended by an agency. The costs were attractive. I liked the weather of Washington. After a Google search, I saw trees and was drawn to the natural environment. My cousin suggested also to move to Seattle for job opportunities. I researched theschool and felt comfortable with it.

## WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT EDMONDS COLLEGE?

I really like the small class sizes here. I feel that I can focus on the lectures more and can interact with my teachers and classmates better. I found a great community here. All students at Edmonds College automatically want to help each other. From the first day I arrived, I found a lot of support and kindness from the Orientation Assistants and the students I met.

### WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT LIVING IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON?

There are a lot of things to do outside in Washington. Nature is all around and I love the waterfalls I can find here. There is also great shopping nearby and the downtown area is great. I also love coffee, and Washington is where Starbucks started.

### HOW DOES EDMONDS COLLEGE HELP YOU WITH YOUR TRANSFER PLANS?

The OIP advisors are always helpful in connecting students with universities in their related major. Throughout the year they will prepare advising workshops, they will meet with you individually, and they organize different universities to come visit Edmonds College. I was able to go on the WSU Everett field trip that helped me learn more about the university and their programs related to my major.

## WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO NEW STUDENTS COMING TO EDMONDS COLLEGE?

Edmonds College provides so many opportunities for you to learn well, to find work, and to transfer successfully. There are also activities not just for fun, but also to become involved in the community. Take responsibility for your academics and your time here. Do not worry about where to live. Housing options like the dormitory or homestay are provided. I would encourage students to live a homestay family first so you can learn English and become part of a family.

## Mayly Chhoun

## WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO STUDY AT EDMONDS COLLEGE?

I only needed a few credits to complete my High School diploma and Edmonds College's High School Completion program allowed me to finish on time. I was also able to take college classes along with my high school course. I liked that Edmonds also has an easy admissions process.

#### WHAT WAS YOUR ACADEMIC **EXPERIENCE LIKE?**

My classes were really good. My teachers were really nice and very helpful. They make you feel confident in your studies and teach you practical ways to better learn. The advisors at OIP are also very helpful in graduation and transfer planning. They helped me to understand the process and how to best prepare for college.

#### HOW WERE YOU INVOLVED ON CAMPUS AND WHAT DID YOU LIKE ABOUT IT?

After the first quarter, I started to make friends from my Orientation group. I also joined a campus club called "Talk Time," where I was able to practice communicating in English and make American friends. Students from all over the world were part of this group and it was nice to make new friends.

## WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT LIVING IN THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD AND **WASHINGTON STATE?**

I lived with a homestay family near the college. My homestay family was really nice and they helped me understand a lot about American culture. They took me to explore a lot of Washington and we went hiking a lot. I like the environment of Washington a lot. It's not too hot and not too cold. There are a lot of things to do and places to hang out around the city.

## IF YOU WERE TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE TO A STUDENT INTERESTED IN STUDYING AT EDMONDS COLLEGE WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Edmonds College is a really good community college. The application process is very easy. You can study from a lot of different majors. People here are very nice and once you start communicating with others in the school, you will make friends and really find a lot of cool places to explore.



