EDMONDS COLLEGE TESTIMONIAL

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Major or Program: UCSD, Political Science

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT EDMONDS?

My study agent suggested Edmonds for me. I decided to attend Edmonds because it is the only college which provides dormitory for students.

WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE CAMPUS?

I first interacted with people in Edmonds during the OIP orientation week. Despite the freezing cold weather, everyone was so nice and welcoming. At first, I thought Lynnwood was a pretty rural area, however; I later found out it was actually super convenient. There are plenty of restaurants and a mall nearby.

HOW DID YOU LIKE YOUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE?

I knew nothing about the US education system when I first got here, but the advisors guided me through the process, and I was able to gain both a high school and associate degree in only 1.5 year. The classes were interesting. Besides my major classes, I got to take many different classes. The teachers were also very helpful, they were always happy to help us whenever we needed.

ANY FAVORITE MEMORIES OF EDMONDS? HOW WERE YOU INVOLVED ON CAMPUS? DID YOU HAVE A JOB? JOIN A CLUB? RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP?

My favorite memory of Edmonds was definitely my working experience at OIP. I have worked as a front desk office assistant for 1 year. It was my first time to work in the US, and I was in love with the atmosphere. The office was always full of laughter and warm words. I also learned customer service skills and gained administrative work experience. I received the OIP scholarship in one of the quarters, and I was so thankful that the school provided many scholarships to have our hard work paid off.

HOW DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR UNIVERSITY? HOW DID EDMONDS HELP YOU PREPARE FOR TRANSFER?

I had several appointments with OIP academic advisors for school suggestions and have done many research. OIP advisors were really helpful since the university online information might be confusing sometimes, and OIP advisors helped me with any question I had. They also helped me to conduct an academic plan in order to fulfil the transfer requirements of each school and gave suggestions to my personal statement.

WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE TO STUDENTS PREPARING TO TRANSFER?

My advice is to look carefully at the requirements, including required documents like official transcript, standardized tests, and letter of recommendations. Also, make sure you take all the required classes in Edmonds before transferring. Be sincere and honest in your personal statement, and have friends, family, professors, advisors, and people you trust to proofread it. Lastly is to stay calm and patient after submitting the application, don't be too stressful as you already did your best!

WHAT WOULD YOU TELL OTHER STUDENTS ABOUT EDMONDS?

I would say that Edmonds is a very diverse and welcoming school. I have had lots of fun and met so many amazing people here. Beside academics, Edmonds provides many on-campus job opportunities and extra-curricular activities for students to broaden their horizons. Edmonds also has a very mature international students program, OIP can always assist international students no matter what obstacles they encounter.

