EDMONDS COLLEGE TESTIMONIAL

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HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT EDMONDS COLLEGE?

I researched online and came upon an article of top community colleges in the U.S. I decided to search for community colleges because of the financial savings and the opportunity to transfer to a four year university after completion. I had narrowed my search to Edmonds College and a handful of other colleges. Shortly after, I was able to meet a visiting Edmonds College representative, and decided to come to Edmonds.

WHAT DID YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT STUDYING AT EDMONDS COLLEGE?

My first impression of the campus was that the staff care for you. I became close to my advisors and they helped me through my time here. I like the small class sizes, as I was able to communicate better with my teachers. They are also so helpful and have office hours where you can meet with them.

WHAT ACTIVITIES WERE YOU INVOLVED IN ON CAMPUS?

I worked in Housing as a Resident Assistant for one of the dormitories. I enjoyed being able to help students as well as have a space to share my culture. One of my proudest achievements was receiving a "Best Worker" award from Housing. I was also involved in the Muslim Association Club on campus. I'm an introvert at heart and so I really motivated myself to step out of my comfort zone and participate in campus experiences.

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

The environment is beautiful and you are surrounded by nature. I also felt that the community here is very accepting and supportive of other religions, which was important to me.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER GRADUATION?

I was accepted to "42," a computer programming school in San Francisco. After I complete my schooling there, I plan to find a job in the U.S.

HOW DID EDMONDS COLLEGE HELP YOU WITH YOUR TRANSFER GOALS?

My advisors really supported me and helped me with all my questions. As a whole, EDMONDS COLLEGE taught me how to overcome my struggles with studying. I learned how important it is to ask for help when you need it. You can be open with people and receive help.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO STUDENTS INTERESTED IN STUDYING AT EDMONDS COLLEGE?

At Edmonds College, you will improve as a person. You will meet people who will influence you positively and show you the opportunities available to you. Coming to a community college does save you money, but also you will learn U.S. culture and feel better prepared for university. I encourage any student that studies abroad to focus not only on your grades, but also on the connections you make and learn from new experiences.

