

EDMONDS COLLEGE TESTIMONIAL

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Started at Edmonds College in Fall 2022

Majored in Aerospace Engineering



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

Studying aerospace engineering is one of the reasons I decided to attend Edmonds College. I've always been interested in flight, space, and aircrafts. At the age of 16 I got my private pilot license which not many people can say. In Latin America, it is not a common program or available major. In my high school, I was given an assignment to research a possible career and I was led to the U.S. and to Edmonds College.

I found Edmonds College to be more affordable and what's more interesting for me is they offer a lot of opportunities for international students. While I worked on my English level I wanted to attend classes without an intense amount of pressure like in bigger universities.

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

I really liked where the campus is located. I also liked that Boeing is close by and that we are close to nearby aerospace programs. This campus has everything! Gym, food, a game room, even a place to get your blood pressure checked.

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

I first started studying online in Fall 2022 and I found the teachers to be really helpful. There were no lectures, only readings, but the teachers had weekly Zoom hours that I attended to help me navigate the assignments.

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

I am enjoying my in-person classes as I collaborate more with my classmates. For example, in my math classes we work together on the problems and in my English class we help each other with our essays.

What are your plans after graduation? Transfer? OPT?

My dream is to transfer to the University of Michigan or University of Kansas to complete an aerospace engineering degree.

What is your advice to students preparing to transfer?

Don't be afraid to work for your dreams. It is a matter of the decisions you make to change your life. I really love playing video games, but it was only me who decided to stop playing to pursue my dream. My dad was worried that I would come to the United States to study, but I try to take advantage of all these opportunities and do what I can to achieve my goals. And remember "Run to the rescue with love and peace will follow" River Phoenix.

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

It is hard for Venezuelan students to feel welcome in a lot of places. Racism is still prevalent and so the most important thing a college can do is to make their students feel welcome. That is what is attractive about Edmonds College. I feel welcome here, I feel like I can express myself, and I know I am a part of this community.