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Hi everyone, my name is Abdullah Kocadayi. I started studying at Edmonds Community College in the Fall of 2002. As some other international students, I also didn't finish my high school. Edmonds Community College was the only choice to complete my High School Diploma, in addition, earned college credit for my classes. My High School adviser told me that I could finish my high school diploma, which is recognized in Washington State and throughout the entire United States. I finished my high school diploma in two quarters.

I received my high school diploma in 2003 and am going to receive my Associates of Arts degree in August 2004. Two diplomas in two years-that wouldn't be possible if I had stayed in Germany.

It was a great experience being at Edmonds Community College. I had friends with whom I played soccer and that inspired me to organize a soccer tournament. The first International Soccer Tournament which was organized by the International Retention Team, where I work. My other job was at the tutoring center where I tutored accounting and German.

Now I can say that I have a worldwide connection. I learned many things about other cultures and ways of life, especially about the American way of life.

After graduating from Edmonds Community College I am heading towards Seattle University; where I plan to major in Business Management and Business Economics. If everything goes well, I will again earn two degrees in two years, just like at

Edmonds Community College.