

## **Elsa Hasto Yuwono - Surabaya, Indonesia**

Elsa Yuwono came to Edmonds CC in 1997 to join the High School Completion program. Her studies at Edmonds gave her a head start in getting a college degree, graduating from university one year earlier than her classmates back home.



### **How did you find out about Edmonds Community College?**

I learned about Edmonds CC's High School Completion program through an international study abroad agent in Indonesia. They helped me apply to Edmonds and apply for my student visa.

### **Why did you decide to come to Edmonds CC?**

The High School Completion program looked really interesting and it first attracted me to Edmonds CC to complete my High School in a shorter time. When I got to Edmonds CC I fell in love. It has the best location and the buildings were nice, compared to other community colleges. The college gives us a free local bus pass and the buses are nice and bigger. Edmonds CC has a good environment to study in, and it is out of the city so there are not too many distractions. The environment is green and it offers a variety of sports facilities.

### **How long did it take to complete High School?**

It took me 2 quarters, less than ½ year to earn my diploma. The advisors were really helpful, especially for international students who are away from home for the first time. They were friendly and approachable and they helped me adapt to the culture and find housing. They offered lots of activities and the international community is very willing to share the variety of cultures.

### **What did you do after High School?**

I finished an AA Transfer degree. Edmonds

CC classes are smaller than classes at university, so the learning process was easier within a small community. The teachers were also very helpful and I could talk to them on a regular basis. They had more time to spend on students individually, which was helpful.

**Where did you go after Edmonds CC?**

I went to the University of Washington Business School. I sat for an interview and was accepted on the spot! I majored in Information Systems and Finance.

**How was the transition from a Community College to University?**

University was bigger, more professional and the teachers were less approachable. It was a new challenge in learning and competing with more students. There was definitely more work, too.

**What is your long-term goal?**

I would like a position that uses both IS and finance such as a financial analyst, doing research, or building a database of clients. I would also like to eventually have my own business. My education will help me achieve these goals.