



Lilia Rulle'

Associate of Arts, International Business

"I want to build relationships between countries."

Lilia Rulle', truly an international student, grew up in Guadeloupe, an archipelago in the French Caribbean. She has lived and studied in Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Spain, and Canada and most recently earned a degree in history and geography at a university in the south of France. She came to the United States to improve her English and earn an American degree and chose Edmonds Community College because of its unique location near Seattle. "It was something different," said Rulle', who loves to travel. After earning her associate's degree, she plans to transfer for a bachelor's degree in international affairs, perhaps in Toronto (Ontario, Canada). Her goal is an international career in business or government and she has gained experience at Edmonds CC that will help her pursue it. She's worked as a student programmer, a recruiter and a group leader for the college's International Student Services interacting with students from more than 60 countries. She also spoke at a celebration for multicultural graduates when she earned her Associate of Technical Arts degree in International Business. Now she's working as a French tutor while she completes her transfer degree. Rulle', an ambitious student who spent the summer taking 20 credits and working, said she really appreciates the convenience of online classes. Online classes make it both possible and comfortable for her to work while she attends school. "You have to be organized but (online classes) allow you to be flexible," she said. She also appreciates the college's student-centered environment. "The staff here is very helpful and the teachers are easy to talk to," she said.