

“Learning is truly fun!”

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I came to Edmonds Community College because the school has a dormitory and a really supportive environment for International students-and because of its convenient location as well. I was so excited, more than nervous because I knew I was going to love every single thing I would experience. As I expected, orientation week was so much fun, and I got to know a lot of other new and current students-plus the ISS staff. I felt I belonged to the college; It was such a fun way to start my life in the States.

I played basketball for EdCC during my first quarter. The coach was very nice and supportive to all students; he was also very tough and serious. The teammates were nice, too, but I had an incredibly hard time at the beginning, being a non-native English speaker on the team. I will never forget, one of the students who worked for the Office of Student Life told me that when I was having hard time, or if I felt discriminated against, or is there were any misun-

derstandings in communication with the team.....she told me that I could talk to her or anybody in the office and that the school could make changes. And this is so true; I truly feel that Edmonds CC has diversity and a warm and welcoming environment for everyone.

After the basketball season, I also joined the softball team. This year, I am playing basketball again as one of the sophomores with the same coach. We are aiming for the play-offs this year! Being on the basketball team has been big part of my life at Edmonds CC. I am a stronger individual with greater confidence, discipline and a lot of invaluable memories.

The best part about Edmonds CC are the small classes; students have more one-on-one interactions with their instructors. Classes are run in a variety of ways that include lecture, class discussions, group projects, and student presentations. These activities are really practical and useful, I can learn much deeper in interesting ways.

I love all the instructors I have had so far, they were all so willing to help me and spend extra time when I ask them for help. I even have some instructors who I talk to about my life and relationships. My instructors have made me realize a lot of important things in life, which I could have never learned in the class. The close friendly connection with the faculty, the students, the staff, and with the community, is one of big features of Edmonds Community College. It's the first time truly realized and agreed with the saying that "learning is truly fun."