

“Edmonds Community College has served as a stepping stone toward my future success”

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Although I had decided to go to university in the U.S. after graduating from Korean high school, I did not have much information about schools in the U.S. I visited a study abroad agency, and they introduced me to Edmonds Community College. At first, I had no idea about the U.S. educational system, and the benefits of studying abroad in a community college. I was worried and hesitated to apply to Edmonds CC. However, after studying at Edmonds CC for one and a half years, I am completely satisfied with my decision. My life is filled with confidence and passion to pursue my dreams.

Edmonds CC has a very good environment for international students to study. Small class size gives more opportunity for students to communicate and meet the instructors; people are treated like family members. If I first studied with 100 to 300 students in a packed class room, I might have not have been able to concentrate on the lectures and I might have felt left out as well.

However, Edmonds CC offered a great learning environment with high quality instruction in smaller classes and by faculty who love to teach.

Moreover, Edmonds CC is located near beautiful Edmonds Beach and is also close to downtown Seattle. During the weekends and holidays there are lots of fun activities to enjoy with friends outside of school.

One of the strongest assets Edmonds CC has is the International Student Service (ISS) Office, which assists international students to adapt to a new college life. International students confront lots of important problems, such as maintaining student VISA status, paying for tuition and choosing medical insurances. ISS helps students with these problems and allows students to concentrate on studying and adapting the college life at Edmonds CC. Besides, providing various culture festivals and excursions to Seattle's popular tourist locations, students can experience different languages and cultures as well.

Edmonds CC provided me with a lot of opportunities, such as granting me a scholarship, and offering me a campus job. Thus, my time at Edmonds CC passed by very quickly. I am planning to transfer to the University of Washington in Seattle and want to major in electrical engineering and economics. Edmonds Community College has served as a stepping stone toward my future success. I will move forward to achieve my goals, and I will never forget my first step at Edmonds Community College.