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Congratulations Graduates and Transferring Students!

Please join the International Student Office and the Counseling Department in congratulating the following graduating and transferring International Students!



Armen Paclibar from the Philippines is graduating with an Associate of Science degree in Nursing.

April Joy Santos from the Philippines is graduating with her Associate of Science degree in Nursing.

Fred Mugenga from Uganda is graduating with his Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts.

Nozomi Nakazawa from Japan is graduating with her Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts.

Boris Musakwa from Zimbabwe is transferring to UC Riverside for the fall 2007 quarter and will be majoring in Biochemistry.

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Student Highlight: Lam Oanh



Lam Oanh

Home Country: Vietnam

Major: Nursing

People in my country, Vietnam, have a saying “learn, learn more, and learn forever”. In fact, there is no limit for studying, and education can be gotten from all over the world. For that reason, with my parent’s support, I intended to study abroad when I finished high school. An ideal place I can get progressive knowledge was America, one of the most developed education and economics; although I knew that it was not easy for me to live far away from my parents to adapt to a new environment. However, the first thing I had to go through was the interview with the embassy of America; this was actually a big challenge for me. Obviously, a lot of students could not overcome this barrier; The United States is the most difficult country to get a visa. Nevertheless, it became easy for those who know how to confirm and prove their ability with the embassy. Thanks to that “key”, I passed the interview with some questions; for instance, “Why do you want to study in America, not other countries?”, which every student may be asked, but the answers are various. I replied, “America has a good studying environment; it has new technologies and the most recent scientific achievement. So I am equipped with valuable, updated knowledge. In addition, I have opportunities to develop myself as an individual since I learn the diversity in American cultures, customs, and ways of thinking and living”.

I had been in The United States for six months since I got the visa, but I had transferred to three different schools until San Bernardino Valley College. I am studying my first semester as an international student here; I am really happy in this studying atmosphere. The school offers a lot of facilities for students, for example, tutors available in variety of subjects, many workshops assisting students with more understanding of their class and skills for success as well, and celebrating many activities for students participate in. Indeed, my classes are going well due to these services; I can ask for help if I have difficulties such as how to write an essay, how to perform strategies for a test. Besides that, I know many good teachers and faculty members at San Bernardino, and the first person I experienced is my international counselor, Wendy Whitney. She is always there whenever I need some help or obstacles of being a new comer. She provided me with important information as orientation; she has helped me getting success in my classes. One more reason, I chose Valley College so that I can live close to my grandmother and aunty who are a motivation and support for my studies.

International Student Orientation

An international student orientation was held in January 2007, to give our new international students an opportunity to meet one another and meet some of our continuing students.

Here are a few pictures!



Dorothy and Seth Kwarteng-Prekoh from Ghana and their daughters Shanelle Osei-Kwarteng and Michaëlle Owusu-Kwarteng



Hereen Tillet-Aguilar and her daughter, Abiny from Belize



Sanjay Chin from Jamaica



Arne Tanamal, Armen Paclibar and Sajed Gaurino, continuing Valley College students from the Philippines, help new International Students choose their classes.

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Calendar of events for Fall 2007

- International Student Orientation August 15, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Come and welcome our new International Students to Valley College!
- Inter-Cultural Awareness Club—Share your passion for cultural diversity with others!
- International Student Workshops in September, October, and November—Discuss various topics.
- International Student Social—Celebrate International Education Week November 12th-16th.