



# International Student Voice

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## Come one, come all to the International Student Social!

To celebrate an early end of the semester,  
the fall 2006

**International Student Social**

is scheduled for

**Wednesday, November 29th**

**from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**in AD/SS 102.**

All International Students, Valley College students, staff, faculty and administrators are invited. Please come and meet our International Students and learn about their respective countries.

Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact  
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Petunia and Angella at the spring 2006 International Student Social



Geraldine and Nhat Dan at the spring 2006 International Student Social

## Meet Valley College's New International Students



Cindy Bowen

Belize City, Belize

Major: Paralegal

Why did you choose to study in the U.S.?

"I am furthering my education in the legal field and I wanted to acquire an American background in this field; therefore, I chose the U.S. because I thought it would be beneficial in the future. I chose Valley College because it is an affordable community college that offers a wide array of diverse instructional programs, and also because their teachers are known to be experienced and dedicated."



Andrei Calugaru

Craiova, Romania &  
Rome, Italy

Major: Pre-Medicine

Why did you choose to study in the U.S.?

"I lived in Romania and moved with my family to Italy in 1998. I came to the U.S. to complete my senior year in high school and to study to become a doctor."



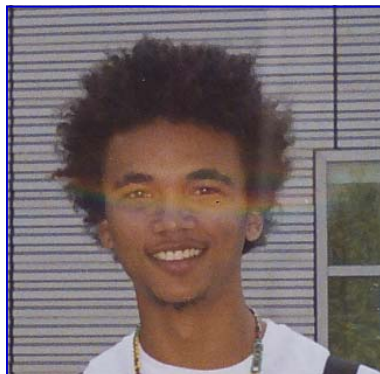
Eddie Cismariu

Roman, Romania

Major: Computer Engineering

Why did you choose to study in the U.S.?

"The U.S. is a good country and education here is recognized around the world."



Dean Crooks

St. Catherine, Jamaica

Major: Computer Science

Why did you choose to study in the U.S.?

"My Auntie and Uncle studied at Valley College and they told me about the campus. I also have a lot of family here."



Ryota Irie

Fukuoka, Japan

Major: Business Administration

Why did you choose to study in the U.S.?

"I chose to study in the U.S. because the education system is really good for me."

"Valley College teachers are known to be experienced and dedicated."

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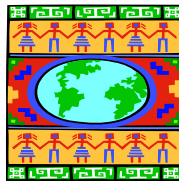
**Moon-Suk Kim**

Incheon, South Korea

Educational goal is to study English and learn to speak it well to have an export/import business. He enjoys studying science. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in German Language and Literature from South Korea.

Why did you choose to study in the U.S. and Valley College?

“Cheaper education fee, my sister is close by and all of my professors are very good!”



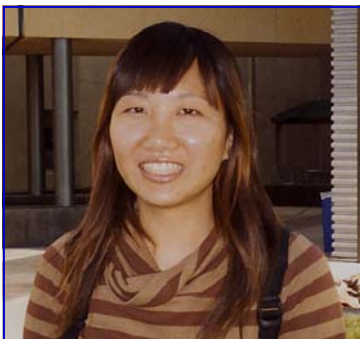
**Denise Moore**

London, England

Major: Nursing

Why did you choose to study in the U.S.?

“I couldn't study my major in England, due to my age. I visited America quite a lot and I have family here who helped me in following my ambition.”



**Mariko Mori**

Kagoshima, Japan

Major: Agricultural Business

Why did you choose to study in the U.S.?

“For my education, independence, and to meet different people from all over the world. And, being able to survive a different culture and a different climate.”

**Hazel Nchembe**

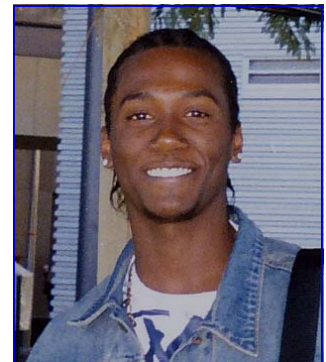
Lusaka, Zambia

Majors: Business and Social Work

Why did you choose to study in the U.S.?

“This is the land of opportunity. It's always a place to see people achieve their dreams and I see it happening. It's attainable. Here I can study two majors. And, I chose Valley College because it looked like a great school and a friend told me how great it is!”

Hazel declined having her picture taken.



**Ryan Thompson**

Spanish Town, Jamaica

Major is Automotive

Why did you choose to study in the U.S.?

“I heard that the automotive program at Valley College was really good and I wanted an education from the U.S. In Jamaica, there are automotive programs but here there is higher technology in automotive.”

## Thank you for hiring an International Student!



A thank you goes out to the following departments for hiring Valley College International Students on F-1 student visas:  
Counseling Department, Disabled Student Programs and Services, Transportation Center, Computer Center, Library, and Cafeteria.

We appreciate all you do to help our International Students!

A special thank you to Stan Corella, Valley College Job Developer, in his assistance in helping our international students be job ready!

## Would your department like to hire an International Student?

If your department would like to hire an international student, please contact Wendy Whitney the International Student Counselor. The international students on F-1 student visas come from many different countries and have varying skills and majors. With this broad range of experience and education, it will be easy to find the perfect student for your department!

Unfortunately, some of our students do not have social security numbers and they cannot apply for one until they have a job offer on campus. This does slow down the hiring process since it can take from one week to three months to receive the social security card, but the international students are worth the wait!

To apply for a social security number, an international student must have a job offer on the Valley College campus and the following:

- A letter from the Valley College department hiring the student. The letter must document the department that wishes to hire the student, the student's job title, the start date of the position, the student's immediate supervisor, and how to contact the supervisor.
- A letter from the international student counselor stating that the student is in good status with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and a full-time Valley College student.

The international student must take these letters to the Social Security Administration along with other documents (their passport, I-20, and I-94) to apply for a social security number. Hiring an international student will not only benefit our international students, but also benefit your departments, all students, and the Valley College community.