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International Students Transferring to Top Universities

We asked some of our transferring students to share their experiences at Skyline College and offer some valuable advice to our current International students who are planning to transfer.



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I am transferring to the University of British Columbia, to study Business Administration. I have been at Skyline College for four semesters and have enjoyed my time here. Skyline College helped me achieve not just a good GPA, which is required to transfer, but also to gain a new perspective of my surroundings. I joined the Honors Transfer Program and Phi Theta Kappa in order to widen my experiences. After becoming an officer at PTK, I then became the President of the Chapter, which opened many doors for me. I completed an internship with the Global Learning program, which helped me to learn my strengths and weaknesses in the workplace. The best piece of advice that I could offer current students who are looking to transfer is, to work hard and aim for the best grades possible. But don't forget that you need to show schools that you are well rounded and can bring something new to the school. Your personal statement speaks volumes about you as a person and shows off other talents and abilities that you have that cannot be reflected through grades. Skyline College has been a wonderful experience for me; it has taught me so much and helped in making me the person that I am today. Coming from a country where excelling in my academic work was sufficient, I have been challenged to learn other skills, make new friends and come out of my comfort zone!

I am transferring to UC Santa Barbara to study Business. I have been at Skyline College for four semesters now. What helped me to transfer successfully was completing all the classes that I required for UCSB, which I found out by meeting with the counsellors. The guidance I received from the excellent professors as well as the support from The Learning Center really helped me to maintain a good GPA. I would go to The Learning Center whenever I had time, to study with the tutors as they had sessions for a variety of subjects, and I go there a lot and then study with the tutors. I went to the Transfer Centre when I was completing my applications and there, they helped me to review my application and personal statement. The International Student office supported me throughout my time at Skyline College, and I have been a student assistant with them for a couple of semesters, as well as an active member of the International Student Affairs Club. Having this experience on my personal statement was definitely invaluable and I am sure, made my application more appealing!



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JIAHUI TANG
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I am transferring to UC Berkeley to major in Statistics. There are many things that helped me transfer successfully from Skyline College. In order to transfer to the university of your dreams, you need to maintain a good GPA, as well as have plenty of extracurricular activities. To help maintain a good GPA, visiting my professors during their office hours and getting guidance from counsellors regarding my courses helped me a lot. As a non-native English speaker, I am always scared of English class, but the tutors in The Learning Center provided me with a lot of help and support. In order to gain experience in extra-curricular activities, I found that the Honors Transfer Program was very interesting, challenging and valuable. It requires that you complete 15 honors units and 15 volunteer hours. Being a part of this student society motivated me to participate more in social events and aim for higher grades.

I am majoring in mathematics and I am going to UC Santa Barbara. Skyline College helped in many ways to transfer out to a four-year school. For the UC applications, I didn't know how to even start answering a lot of questions. I went to the transfer center in building two and the counselors were very nice. They told me a lot of things that I was unaware of and they also told me how to modify my personal statement to make it the best it could be. I went to see one counsellor in particular, a lot of times during the year, and sometimes even twice or thrice per semester to ask for help. As an international student, I didn't know about American life, culture or even know any other people. When I came to Skyline College for the first time, it was a new environment and I had no clue about the educational system, how the course was related or what the majors were. I just went to see Daryan Chan and told him I was confused. He patiently answered all of my questions and told me everything I needed to succeed at Skyline College. He was a huge support and I didn't feel that I was alone here. For any students looking to transfer from Skyline College, I can only say that, the school provides all the support, guidance and advice that you could need in order to transfer successfully. The more effort you put into your schoolwork, the more rewards you will get when you transfer out. My time at Skyline College has been great fun.



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Celebrating International Student Success



INTERNATIONAL STYLE STAR: PHOO HAN OO

We are proud to announce that our International student, Phoo Han Oo was crowned the winner of the Junior Style Stars National Hair Competition. Phoo, who hails from Burma, received a prize package worth \$50,000, which includes cash, editorials in professional trade magazines as well as travel and educational opportunities. Phoo was surprised by Daniel Moses of the League of Extraordinary Stylists, who presented the award at Skyline College. Take a look at Phoo's winning hairstyle on the right.



DUAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: LAURA FLINK

Laura is an International student from Germany, who is in her second semester at Skyline College. Laura is a Business major and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Laura secured two scholarships this year. She was awarded the Cypress Lawn Community Scholarship Award as well as the Dale and Helen Mersereau Scholarship. "I did not think that International students really stood a chance at getting scholarships and I was pleasantly surprised to receive not just one, but two. It is a great feeling to know that my efforts and hard work are being recognized!"

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CLUB: SORI MOSQUERA

"As the president of the International Affairs Student Club, I would like to thank all of the international students for participating, helping and taking part in all of the events we hosted throughout the year. Our International club success is dependent on your presence, feedback, suggestions and support. Our international community continues to increase every semester and we hope to see more of you enjoying our events and services. Thank you all for making the club a fun, vibrant and culturally rich association. From the bottom of my heart, I congratulate everybody for the great job accomplished during this semester. Good luck for your upcoming finals and I look forward to seeing you all in fall 2016, ready to welcome our new members!"

