

EXCHANGE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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WHEN DECIDING TO STUDY ABROAD, HOW DID YOU DECIDE TO COME TO K-STATE RATHER THAN ANOTHER UNIVERSITY?

You know I came from sports, I do track and field, so as I told you I have lots of friends who studied here or actually study here so, and even my coach graduated here in 2004, so I always heard a lot of stories about this university, about how it is going here. I always wanted to go to the US to study so I decided for this university. Of course I am already 28, so I have to participate in some kind of job, so I definitely wanted to connect studies in marketing to jobs in marketing.

WHAT SORT OF SERVICE LEARNING OR PROJECT ARE YOU DOING OUTSIDE OF YOUR CLASSES? DESCRIBE WHAT YOU DO WITH THIS. HOW DID YOU GO ABOUT FINDING IT?

Well, my internship is in K-State Athletics – Fan Experience and Sales. We work during the matches and we work with the tickets to promote another special to people, to visitors, that's our job. If I have the opportunity to stay here or to work in this area I would definitely use it. I would use it in the future because I'm limited by my visa of course. But I'm thinking about ways to work here. If I can be useful for this job or this kind of area, I'd definitely use it.

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE US UPON ARRIVAL? WAS IT WHAT YOU EXPECTED OR WERE THERE ANY BIG SURPRISES?

Yeah, mostly yes. . . Just one funny thing was that you don't kiss here. That was the first thing I did when I came up to the Kansas City airport and I kissed my host mother and it was kind of weird. They were so happy and I was so happy too I gave her two kisses on her face.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT BEING A K-STATE STUDENT?

I have to say- I can compare with three other types of universities or three other countries- so I have to say yours is the highest of universities, especially with the attitude of teachers. They give you opportunities to develop yourself because you have homework for each class so that pushes you to do your homework and be better than the last week.

