

International Student and Scholar Spotlight

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What was it like coming to K-State? How did you decide to come here?

**At the beginning I was homesick and it was a new palace for me but now I really liked it being at k state
I came here because of the engineering program is very good.**

What has your experience been like so far?

Coming to k sate was the best decision I have ever made. Because of the amazing experience. I learned a lot of new things not only about my major.

What were some big differences when you first arrived (social, academic, weather, etc.)? Was there anything that was really surprising?

First of all, I grow up in a city so, I lived in a crowded place with the vibes of tall building and towers. However, at the moment I the air plane was landing I was in shocked with the size of the airport (I landed at MHK airport) and when we were exploring the place which I guess the tallest building here is the Bluemont hotel which is to short compering with where I lived.

Was K-State what you expected? Was Manhattan what you expected?

Before I enrolled to k sate I looked up about the life here and the programs and I saw good reviews so I kind of expected k state. But Manhattan in general I did not expected Manhattan to be like this I expected Manhattan KS to be similar to Manhattan NY.

Is classroom culture a lot different here?

No it is not different

What do you like about being at K-State?

The most important thing that I like being at k state I the people are so friendly and you can meet a lot of international students.

What kinds of things are you involved in on campus?

Farm club

What do you do for fun in Manhattan?

At the beginning I could not find anything fun in Manhattan. But after a while I found out a lot of amazing things to do in Manhattan. I go to the international student center events and the university events in general. Sometime I go to see people perform play at McCain. I go to basketball, soccer, and volleyball matches and I highly recommend you to go it is fun! Also I like to hang out with friends (go to Aggieville, mall, bowling, movie theater, hiking, city park, and the lake). I like to go to the rec center to exercises and to play volleyball, badmitton, tennis, basketball, and climbing.

If you could have known one thing before moving here, what would it be?

Tornado

Do you have any advice for incoming international students?

Don't be shy and make a lot of friends go to games and remember it not only about the degree it a bout experience and the memory that you will make.

According to Janaki Sooriyarachchi, "We need no language to laugh"

What would you like others to know about being an international student at K-State?

People here are so friendly so don't worry and there are a lot of international student like you. So you will get the chance to meet people from different culture so you will get to know a lot of interesting new things and you will be able to share your culture to people. According to Edgar H. Schein, "Most of my important lessons about life have come from recognizing how others from a different culture view things."

Would you mind sharing a phrase from your native language and what it means?