

International Student Spotlight Interview



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

It was an amazing feeling to come to K-State. Coming here is one of the best decisions I have ever made. Finding K-State was kind of easy to me. I researched many universities that are known for engineering in general and all of the sudden K-State shows up.

What has your experience been like so far?

Since this is my second semester, I like it very much, and I don't think that will change that anytime soon.

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

Some of the big differences coming to K-State was the weather, especially because I have never seen snow prior to coming to the United States.

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

K-State was more than what I expected. As I said before, I really liked the people here. Coming to Manhattan I thought it would be smaller than what I expected and not as congested. But when I came, I was very surprised to see how everything was.

Is classroom culture a lot different here?

Classroom culture is different here in the way that technology is used in the classroom to complete homework or projects.

What do you like about being a student at K-State?

I like being a member of the K-State Family.

What kinds of things are you involved in on campus?

I used to be part of the KSU soccer team and I work at Corner Stone, a coffee shop in Jardine.

What do you do for fun in Manhattan?

What I do for fun at K-State is participate in a lot of UPC activities and hang out with friends that I have met.

Do you have any advice for incoming international students?

One thing I would suggest for incoming international students is to live in the dorms so that they can meet as many friends as possible to be able to have a good time while here at K-State.

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

I would like others to know that while being here so far, seeing how different cultures interact is something that I really like.

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

«لا تتكلم وانت غاضب فقد تقول شي قد تندم عليه طوال حياتك» This phrase means to not say anything while you are angry that you would regret in your entire life.