The Open Doors

“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.” (Malcolm X)

If education is our passport to the future, then Lone Star College is the Consulate General, where I can get a passport to my career. Education is one of the necessary factors for social development, and a good education starts at a good school. Lone Star College does not only prepare me for an undergraduate university, but it’s also a great place for foreign students who have recently arrived to the states, like me. This school has changed my life in many ways. It has given me the opportunity to learn and adopt a new culture, as well as hope for a bright future.

Being able to improve on my English is one of the most significant goals that Lone Star College has been able to do for me. Coming from Vietnam where English is not the first language and the culture is different, I have become very insecure with myself. I have only been in the States for two years, and since attending Lone Star College CyFair, I have made a conscious effort to improve my English and try to adapt to a new culture. I still remember the first day when I came to this school; the staff and the environment made me feel like I was home. My advisor, Mrs. Denise Bryant, guided me in choosing and registering for classes as well as giving me advice on how to be successful during my time here. The classes have been challenging yet rewarding and I'm now starting to adapt to the language and culture. I now think and speak in English as much as my native language, which is important because it helps me prepare for my future.

Choosing a big university is not always the best option. In my opinion, choosing a community college, especially Lone Star College CyFair, was a smart choice for me. I am working on my associate’s degree in science, and I hope to finish my degree in the spring of 2014. I chose to start at Lone Star College to earn my associate’s degree instead of going to an undergraduate university for four years. With the smaller classes, I can learn directly from my professors and have more interactions with my fellow classmates. The professors here such as Professor Esther Robinson in history and Professor Stacy Gresell in speech, are professional and are passionate about what they are teaching. This school has given me a chance to open my mind, “feed” my brain, and experience situations that will help me in years to come.

In the upcoming year, I will work on my application to transfer to Texas A&M College Station to continue with my architecture major. With my associate's degree from Lone Star College, I am confident that I will get accepted to Texas A&M. My time at this school has helped me in thinking and working like a professional. In addition to academic classes, I also have had the opportunity to participate in art classes such as design, drawing, and piano. These classes not only support my skills, but also help me release stress after an exhausting school day. Additionally, Lone Star College CyFair also gives me the opportunity to participate in Phi Theta Kappa, where I can develop my leadership skills, improve team work skills, as well as take part in volunteer activities. All of these factors have contributed significantly to my success during my two years at this school. My education has also kept me motivated to stay strong and focused on my path to my career.

With what I have learned here at Lone Star College CyFair, I am confident that I can overcome any obstacle. This school has not only shown me the door to my future, it has also provided me with the key to open that door. I am proud to be a part of this community, and I know I can bring pride to Lone Star College.