

## Student Spotlight: Jian at Baylor University



Country: China

**Study:** Management Information Systems and Professional Selling at Baylor University

#### Jian's Story

When I came to America I was super nervous and I was so upset because China is very far away and I'd never been here before. I knew that there was going to be some culture shock but Baylor cheered me up because the people here are super friendly and helpful.

There's an international office, which is super helpful. Anytime you go there, they are very friendly and they help you with all the questions you have and figure out everything for you. Also in the international office we have a program called Pals Program where they pair international students with American students and American families to help them get involved in the culture. I joined that program and I just love it because I have my American family and American friends. Sometimes my family takes me out for dinner or lunch, which helped me to know the food in America. I tried Texas Mac for the first time. Also my American friends took me to a football game and before I came I didn't even know what American football was! We only know soccer.

#### The Degree

I feel Baylor is different to other universities because people here like to help others a lot and they are all super friendly. When I came to the class and they found out I'm an international student they would help me and share their notes with me. If I ever had a problem with the homework, they would help me as well. You can go to the professor's office any time and they will help you with any problem you're having. I really enjoy this culture because before I came to Baylor I thought I would have to learn everything by myself. But I realized everybody is going to help you grow.

#### Future/Career

I feel like a Baylor degree is going to help me find a job in America because it's such a valuable degree. I'm looking for an internship and after I graduate from Baylor I want to stay in America. I think if I double major at Baylor it's going to make me very competitive. My major is in Pro Sell, which is Management Information Systems and Professional Selling and MS, so in the future I'm very interested in some kind of selling job combined with something technical. After I find a job in America and have some experience here, it's going to be a very valuable thing when I go back to China.

### Student Spotlight: Isaac Tello Bejar at The City College of New York



Degree: MA Architecture at CCNY

#### University

What better place to study architecture than New York? It is a great location. All the teachers here are so amazing. Everybody here is so kind. It is a great school and I love it. The installations here are amazing, the workshops are amazing, and the studios are incredible. The diversity of the people who are studying here is so cool and it is something that you learn from a lot. I applied to several school sall over the city and some outside the city and when I got my acceptance letters I started to see which one would fit my interests. City College happened to be the one that convinced me most, with the teachers, the mentality, and the diversity--everything here is so cool. And the location is great.

#### Career/Future

I want to be an internationally renowned architect. City College is giving me an ducation that is not centred on anything. it is so wide and so broad that I get to experience in everything. They actually have a very specific program in Barcelona, which I am really interested in doing and City College is providing me with the opportunity of doing one semester there.

#### Location

I live really close to City College, so I wake up an hour before class and I walk to school. I live in Harlem and the area is beautiful. It is up and coming with lots of restaurants and all the young people that work in the city come here. It is super accessible from everywhere so Harlem is the perfect place to live. What I love about New York City is taht you have everything at your fingertips. Anything that you want is there!

#### Support

City College supports me 100%. Teachers have been incredibly supportive. They are always offering help and always asking us if there is anything they can do for us. It doesn't matter if it is just talking, or if it is actual legal or technical help, they are always offering help. It's amazing to know there is somebody in your corner and you are not alone.

# Student Spotlight: Quy Hai Hanh Vo (Kelly) at Coventry University London



ISC Course: International Foundation Year

**Degree:** Hospitality

#### Why Coventry University London Campus?

The reason I chose to study in the UK is I know the education system is very good. I chose Coventry London because it's based in London and I wanted to study there. I read on the internet that Coventry has a very high-ranking in the UK and the hospitality course is very nice. Also the tuition fees are acceptable for me, so I choose here.

#### **International Study Centre**

It's quite strange at first because the teaching and learning style is different from Vietnam. Now I feel very comfortable because everybody's friendly, all the staff, and teachers, and especially the students – they are great people and very interesting. I really enjoy it.

The International Study Centre is my favorite place to go because I like the environment there. All the teachers and staff are very helpful. The students are very nice and we are very close, even if we are in different classes. I can stay in the International Study Centre room to study when we don't have class, so I really enjoy it here.

#### Career/future

Having a degree from here will help me a lot in my future career. If I finish this foundation course I can go straight to Coventry University without doing any tests as they teach the basic knowledge. Also, this year I was elected as a student representative and that will help me a lot on my CV and hopefully I can get scholarships next year.

#### Teachers

The teaching style here helps me a lot, they give us a lot of practice in the class. Most of it is teamwork or presentations, so when we do the real test it's not too strange for me. Also, I can ask the teachers to explain the lesson to me after the class and they are very willing to do that. I think they are very nice because they are very helpful for me, which is different in my country.

#### Learning English

I find studying in English easier than I thought, even though English is not my mother language. I have to practice a lot, so I try to speak to other students and I watch a lot of movies and read books.

