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Message From The Director

Do you associate dragons with the fantastical, fire-breathing medieval creature killed by St. George? In Chinese mythology, a dragon is an honored and respected symbol of power, wisdom, and superiority. The only animal in the Chinese zodiac that is not real, the dragon is an amalgam of several animals with the claws from a tiger, scales of a fish, the body of a snake, and the ability to fly like an eagle. As such, the dragon is a symbol for the Chinese emperor and is a deliverer of good fortune.

We hope that 2012, as the year of the dragon, is living up to its characteristics for you. Here at Bloomfield College, we congratulate the 19 EAP students who graduated with their Bachelor’s degree last May. In particular, I would like to recognize a small, impressive band of students from Asbury Park who all started out in our summer Reach program in 2006. Every day from Monday to Thursday they traveled the long distance, getting up early in the morning to catch two trains and a bus to Bloomfield. Always prompt, prepared, and conscientious, they commuted for six weeks to complete the program and be accepted into Bloomfield. They persisted and their perseverance helped them to succeed. Here is what one psychology professor wrote about her advisee:

“Nadia has done the diversity certificate training and has been an enthusiastic participant, very active and involved with her internship placements with immigrant community organizations, and showing an immediate grasp of the issues around acculturation and multicultural literacy because of her own personal experience. She is also very motivated to succeed and do well in her studies, has worked very hard to learn English reading and writing, and does not hesitate to get help and tutoring. She is a wonderful person, full of enthusiasm and determination to succeed, with a very positive outlook on life – an inspiration for other students around her.”

Congratulations to everyone and particularly to Lynda Andre, Nadia Andre, Ania Charlot, and Michaelle Pierre for supporting one another through the long road to graduation. I am so proud of you!

Wishing you a spring full of good fortune to you and your students!

Cordially,
Emy Kamihara

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RS: I love Biology! I want to help people. I want to use my hands to help people. I also want to do it because it’s a challenge. Not everyone can be a doctor.

2) Why did you choose to come to Bloomfield College (BC)?
RS: I heard a lot about BC from friends and online. BC is very generous with the financial aid they give to students. They actually make it possible to afford college education.

3) How has your experience here been so far?
RS: Great! I enjoy it here so much! I’m very thankful to be here. What I’ve experienced so far is that everything I am looking for is here. Whether it be help from the instructors or guidance from advisors such as Emy, Director of EAP, it’s all here!

4) Do you have anything specific to say to students who are thinking of coming here?
RS: Try to do your best to get into this college! It’s a great choice! With all the support they provide here, BC will help you achieve your goals and dreams. You won’t face the obstacles you would in other colleges because here they are just so willing to help you!

5) Even though you’re happy to be here at BC, being that you are originally from Egypt, how do you feel about what’s going on there?
RS: I feel really sad about it. It’s really miserable. It shouldn’t be that way. The U.S. is so different from Egypt. For example, the president tries really hard to provide loans and scholarships for students to get an education which is something you don’t find in Egypt. Also, here you have freedom to live the life you want. In Egypt, you don’t have a choice. The people around you have a huge influence on your future, always pushing their ideas onto you. There is no help and definitely no financial aid. This is why I feel very grateful to be here in the U.S. and especially here at Bloomfield College.

1) Why did you choose this major?
JD: I like Biology. I want to be a researcher; however I am still thinking about the area I want to research.

2) Why did you choose to come to Bloomfield College (BC)?
JD: I came to BC because I was given a full athletic scholarship to study here and play on the girl’s volleyball team which pays for everything. Brazil is different from the U.S. For example, everyone wants to go to a public college because the education is free. However, it’s so competitive to get in! Private colleges usually do not give out scholarships so it’s even more difficult to enroll.

3) How has your experience here been so far?
JD: My experience here has been amazing! I get to learn the English language in a different way. It’s better than learning the language in a classroom. Living here in this country, I’m completely immersed in the culture. I learn new things about this culture and meet new people everyday! My English has gotten so much better because I speak it daily.

4) How’s the girl’s volleyball team treating you?
JD: The team has been very friendly and welcoming. They’ve helped me so much with anything I’ve needed. They really make me feel like a part of the team!

5) What’s it like being an international athlete at BC?
JD: I love being an international athlete at BC! I am having a great experience! I’m learning English, living on campus, and becoming more independent and responsible. During volleyball season, it’s hard to keep up with my school work but I have learned to be organized and responsible with my time. I know that I have to keep a certain schedule to be successful here. It’s a great life lesson to learn!

Let’s Hear It From The Students!

Rania Shehata
Rania is from Egypt and has been in this country for six years. She attended James J. Ferris High School in Jersey City and is currently majoring in Biology.

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Josie Daldegon
Josie is from Brazil and has been in this country for one year. She attended Santa Marcelina High School in Belo Horizonte and is also currently majoring in Biology.

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We would be happy to give a presentation about our program to your students. Please call the CGS Office at (973) 748-9000 ext. 273

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