



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DUBAI

SPRING SEMESTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Transfer Student Acceptances:

Congrats to our students who have transferred successfully to universities in the US & Canada. Our acceptances for Fall 2016 include University of the Fraser Valley (UFV), Stephen F. Austin University (SFA) & State University of New York Plattsburgh (SUNY).

The **University Transfer Program** is one of the most important and popular offerings at ACD. It enables UAE-based students to complete in Dubai much of the basic coursework required by all universities abroad in almost every academic area of choice, before physically transferring to the university overseas or in the UAE from which they intend to earn a degree.

Students begin classes at ACD, complete one or two years and then transfer the credits earned at ACD to degree-granting institutions in the USA and other countries, including the UAE if they want to remain closer to home.

Sample of transfer students:

Student Name	Transferred to
Sara Faronieya	California State University
Govindanunni M. Parakkat	Indiana University
Abbas Bin Amir	Purdue University
Uzkan Khalid	York University, Canada
Mohamed Alhashimi	Ashland University
Abhilasha Shetty	University of Tampa
Omran Ali Ahmed	Arizona State University
Dharini Natarajan	Georgetown University

Transfer Agreements with ACD:

The American College of Dubai has a comprehensive transfer articulation agreement with the prestigious UFV in Canada and SFA in Texas U.S.A. The agreement allows for the smooth transfer of ACD students to UFV and SFA after completing one or two years of their university degree program. Students who take advantage of the "2+2" option could save over \$50,000 in tuition fees as well as living expenses in the USA and Canada.

ACD was delighted to welcome Ravi Phillips, Head of International Marketing (Asia, Middle East and Africa) at UFV and Heather Cotton, Director of International Programs at SFA during the month of February 2016. They were both able to meet with many prospective students.



UFV and SFA offer a full range of Business, Economics and Arts Degrees. Both universities are excellent choices due to quality of education and affordable tuition. Successful applicants to SFA would be awarded merit based scholarship up to \$9,500 a year! UFV also has a number of international scholarships. The total UFV annual fees including accommodation is approximately \$18,000.

MEET SOME OF OUR TRANSFER STUDENTS



SFA, according to me, is what I call as opportunity and when it comes your way it should not be dropped. The campus and the ambience of this institution is just a mere bonus for me. The professors and native students are very friendly and kind.

The teaching style is different as there are assessments based online, which include tests, quizzes etc..

Adarsh Varahese



During my first semester here at SFA, I was able to participate in various activities and organizations and was able to make new friends in America. I joined a service based sorority at SFA and my new friends helped me a lot during my first few months in Texas. The process took me a good 2 months; and within that time period, I came across some amazing individuals who would be by my side and support me throughout my journey in life.

Amanda Vedanayagam





SUNY Plattsburgh has definitely met my expectations. I feel like I have more opportunity and freedom to explore myself despite it being located in a small and quite town. The quality of education is quite good and the teachers are really helpful. All of my credits transferred, in fact ENG COMP 2 transferred as well and I was exempted me from an academic English class that all students - American or international - have to take!!!

I'm very happy with the university and I would recommend other ACD transfer students to consider SUNY as well.

Arnold Barretto

Plattsburgh
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK



After my first semester at ACD I started taking initiative to look into universities and different programs. I came across University of the Fraser Valley (UFV).

UFV was campus located in a city called Abbotsford, near Vancouver(Canada). UFV and Abbotsford became my next home eventually after I transferred there. It was a place for a lot of opportunities to develop, network, and grow. I started spreading the word in ACD about my journey in UFV. Now 17 students from ACD have to transferred to UFV. Everything has changed for me since I decided to move to UFV and I would definitely recommend it to all transfer students. Thanks ACD for guiding me.

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OF THE **FRASER VALLEY**

ACD ORGANIZED AN ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS OF WESTMINSTER SCHOOL, DUBAI



On the 11th of Feb 2016, thirteen AS level students of Business Studies from The Westminster School, Dubai participated in the competition for developing entrepreneurial skills at the American College of Dubai. The students were divided into 4 teams and they had to co-ordinate so that fresh ideas would be generated. The students were required to create a product which related to hair gel or beauty soap. They were given one hour and thirty minutes to complete their task. During this time, they had to design the packaging with the provided items such as papers and tissue boxes, relate the product to all the 4Ps of marketing, find a unique selling proposition for the product, and design a print ad for the same with a brand name. They were expected to tagline and justify their claim about the product. The time given was well utilized by the students and new ideas were generated. At the end of allotted time, all the teams had fulfilled the various tasks. There were awards for separate categories such as best packaging, best advertising and the best product.

The competition was a valuable learning experience for the students who put forward creative and innovative ideas. The judges and the staff of American College of Dubai appreciated the students of Westminster School, Dubai. We look forward to organizing similar competitions in the near future.

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL TEAM OF ACD AND WESTMINSTER



Teacher Feedback from Westminster:

The event was well organized and it was very useful for the students to develop their entrepreneurial skills and creative skills. The tasks were well managed and every student enthusiastically contributed their ideas. The products developed were excellent and the presentation was wonderful.

- **Mr. Peter Brian Benjamin**

Student Feedback:

The entrepreneurial skills development competition was a well-organized event which we all enjoyed thoroughly, the interaction with the University students was a good learning experience that would benefit us in the future. They gave us a practical situation of developing a product and marketing it, which was like a preparation for us for the future

- **Ahsan Ali 12C**

Student Feedback:

It was a wonderful learning experience teaming and working together with the University students. This entrepreneurial skills development program has allowed us to inherit our ideas into developing a product which gave us a sense of how to present and create for the future. It was a very well organized event which I enjoyed to the max.

- **Syeda Erum 12C**