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My life at Mae Fah Luang University is interesting and different from it was before. I still remember the time when I first came to Chiang Rai. It was a super-hot day and I lost my way, then I asked a stranger for help. He told me patiently with a big smile and said that he could send me to the university if I wanted to. It really moved me and made me fall in love with this country.



When I was a first year student, I lived with others in dormitory. My roommates are very kind and enthusiastic. Although we had cultural differences in daily life, we respected each other and got along very well.



For studying, I got very nervous whenever I have to express my opinion and make a presentation in class because I have never had such experiences before. However, the professors and classmates are very nice as they encouraged me and helped me overcome this difficulty.



Now, it is my third year at this university. I need to pay more attention to my major courses and get ready for the internship. Every day is busy and tired, but I really enjoy it. Because I think even if I leave MFU one day, these moments here will be good memories in my whole life.



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A Moment In Time



Being a new student is not easy as it takes away familiar places, familiar faces, culture and customs that you are used to. Being a new student in a new place where is too far away from the place you have always called home is very tough to adjust to the surroundings.



However, am thankful that I am here because the people I have met here are all very helpful and so pleasant. I have never met friends and professors who are this polite. I am yet to experience an unforgettable moment but it is safe to say that I have experienced a few good ones. From all the times that have taken my breath away, it was when I visited the night market for the first time. I have been a boarding student for seven years and there is no such thing as night market where I used to live.

The hubbub of people busy selling and buying wares, the explosion of colors and the aroma of the varieties of dishes laid out for people to choose.



To be honest, I have never seen so much sea food at once. I tried out some dishes and found out that sea food is just not my cup of tea. It is healthy but I just don't like it. My favorite haunt is the peach tea from D-Jang bakery, it is just heaven in a cup. Another thing I like is 'Yum Yum' that a lady sells on the street. It has a hint of Bhutanese taste and maybe that is why I love it. If I have to recommend anything to others, I would urge them to have a coconut drink and dark chocolate waffle with Oreo cookies. One could eat, shop or just look around to pass time. The hustle and bustle of the night market is just so exciting and it provides a perfect opportunity for the students to relax after their week-long classes.



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A MAGICAL MOMENT IN MY LIFE



Where is the most magical place on Earth? How can you work for Disney World during studying in university?

I am going to talk about my magical moments as a cast member in Disney World, Florida. As a university student, I applied for the International College Program (ICP) to work in Disney and I got an interview which was the best decision I have ever made. It was the best summer of my whole life and it was the memorable time for me.

Being a cast member at Disney World was amazing. Being able to make magic for families or people who may never be able to go to Disney again or people who go there all the time was the most incredible experience. My role was Quick Service Food and Beverage (QSR) at ESPN.



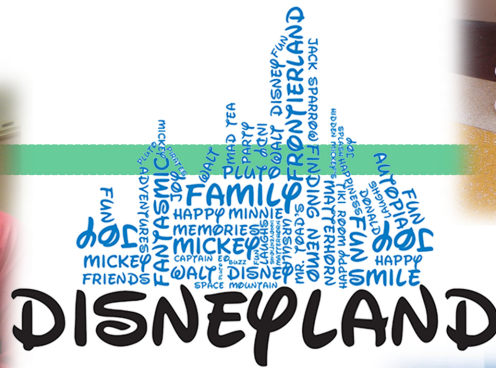
At the beginning of my program, my work was all about food. Therefore, I had to find out about all the holding temperatures and took a safety class. After taking those couple of classes, I got a full tour of ESPN with Disney look. They gave me a full tour of ESPN that was like an all-day class and it was really intense. I kind of started to freak out because they told me how busy the restaurant and my work were, and it actually was not glamorous at all. By the way, it was so much fun actually.

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I started to work and it was not as bad as I thought. I began to make friends at work which helped me so much more and I started to get on even better with my roommates and everything kind of started to fall into place. Moreover, I was trained for front of the house and later I was trained for back of the house as well. In front of the house, I was in charge of bussing tables, filling the condiment bars, greeting guests, expediting food, and filling drinks. For me, front of the house was crazy because I had to deal with guests all the time.



No matter what you were doing, new guests would come up to you, ask you for a question or have a problem or something. For back of the house, I was in charge of preparing meal, cooking or being in a line putting things together or stocking things. There was a lot of things to do around the restaurant and I learnt pretty much how to do everything.





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I worked really long hours and dealt with a lot of annoyed guests. That is to say, most guests were not going to come and tell you that they were having a great time. A lot of guests came to you because they had a problem or they needed something that they were overcharged or undercharged. They even came when there was something wrong with their food. So, there was a lot of things that could go around in the restaurant and it was my job to handle them. No matter where you work or what position you are at, you need to fix the problem at that time and if you do not know how to do, you need to find somebody to cope it for you. This could get stressful at times and sometimes it was really negative environment working with so many crabby people.

However, it ended up being totally fine because I became such good friends with my coworkers.

I absolutely loved them because they made the restaurant such a pleasant place for me that I loved going to work. When you walked into workplace, everybody was cheering and excited to see you. It made work a lot of more fun and easy going even when you had to deal with some irritable guests. The absolutely best part of working for Disney was the fact that you had the opportunity to make magical moment and that magical moment was exactly what it sounded like. It was creating magical memories that people would be going to remember forever like giving guests free food or a drink or FastPass for a ride. In Disney World, cast members got the opportunity to make a lot of magical moments and you could not do that anywhere else but Disney. However, my Disney International College Program was not just working. Although there was a lot of tasks to do, I still could have fun in the parks and did lots of other things on my days off that were absolutely amazing. I went to the parks a lot on my days off because the park admission was free. I also often went to the parks after or before work. Also, I got a chance to watch wishes with my coworkers at night many times in Magic Kingdom. Deep in my heart, I knew that this moment was not going to last forever, so I wanted to take full advantages of getting into the parks for free and everything. When I was over there, it was absolutely beyond my expectation. I had the great time of my life. What I have learned from this ICP was like I was fine on my own. I could do things by myself for almost three months of staying there.



For those who want to get this opportunity, you can work at Disney World through two routes as I know. First, you can apply for the International College Program (ICP) which I just took. It is the program where you have to be student in some forms of higher education such as college or university. Another one is being a cultural representative who basically represent your own country. To all who come to this happiest place on Earth...Welcome and Have a magical day!

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My Global UGRAD Experience

Attending the Global UGRAD Program was a life changing experience. It was a great opportunity, not only to learn new cultures but also to share my cultures to others. One year of studying in the United States, my life have been changed in several ways. Personally, I have learned, expanded, and developed my vision.



Studying abroad was a good chance to connect with a group of friends from around the world, and that helped me to learn different perspectives from my friends. Indeed, studying abroad also helped me to be more active and eager to learn new things from other people. I had to learn how to fit in with friends who have different backgrounds from many countries.



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My Global UGRAD Experience

Professionally, the Global UGRAD Program gave me the opportunity to meet with leaders from around the world. We shared each other's experiences and perspectives about leadership and its characteristics. Moreover, this opportunity also helped me to understand how to fit in with the professional world in a developed country like the U.S.

Socially, living in a new culture was a challenging for me. It was very interesting when I had learned the new way to greet the strangers and they later became my friends. In fact, some of them became my best friends. Countless times of greeting people from several corners of the world was a wonderful experience throughout the year.



We sometime shared and learned how to say “Hello” and ways that people greet each other in different cultures. So, many of international friends contributed a lot of meaningful experience to my exchange year.



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My Global UGRAD Experience

Academically, experiencing the American education was a fabulous experience. American students were eager to learn and they were very engaged in classes. This was the most challenging part of my experience in America because I had to try to fit in with a class where I was only an international student. Moreover, self-study was very important, I also frequently took quizzes in many classes.



After coming back to Thailand, I felt like everything remains the same, the only thing that have been changed is me. Importantly, those relationships and networks that I have made in the U.S. will continue to grow.



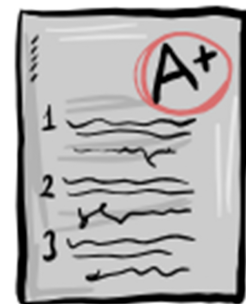
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Save My GPAX

I could not believe my eyes when I first saw my score show at the top of my horribly done Ancient Western Civilization mid-exam. My poor exam performance gave my handsome but married teacher a big shock. He was wrong for expecting my intelligence too high, but Lee Jun Ki and Park Bi Gum were avoidably wrong for grabbing my whole attention watching all days and nights instead of study. I looked at my wristwatch to see the time before important appointment.

As having a long talk with my teacher, I was given a white paper form with hard-to-copy signature from him without any chance to defend myself from nearly failing from this course. He did not seem to listen to me but glanced at a white clock before typing something on his Mac. I accepted my poor fate anyway as if I was in Greek Tragedy plays.



Not far from the teacher office building, there was a small registration office that I wished to avoid before. A registration officer asked me if I really wished to withdraw for 10 times, which annoyed me. Did I have chance to pass this course even if I nailed the final exam with a full score? Out of sudden, the lady went pale showing the sign of hesitation before leaving me speechless with her lame excuses for losing my course withdrawal form - when did you give me a form?

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I panted as I rushed back to his office because I had only 40 minutes until the deadline of withdrawal period. Unfortunately, he was nowhere to be seen. I fell down on my knees and tried to search for my teacher again. Then, my 10 minutes were worthlessly wasted. Damn. It was already ten to five. I should have studied for the exam. I was taking this course too lightly thinking that it was an elective course. How will I tell my parents? Will this course be available next semester? I thought myself helplessly. My teacher would get me an F for sure. My focus moved to my teacher's clock unintentionally. My motion became stiff and heavy that I began to see hallucination hypnotized by some hypnosis swinging coins.

"Why are you here? Don't you know you cannot enter the teacher office during exam period?" my handsome teacher said.

He just appeared in front of me in a blink as if he was a genies.

"I was looking for you sir. Can you sign the form for me?" I asked him hastily and in panic.

"How can I sign the form when you have not done the mid exam yet," he replied and laughed at me. I was again surprised and even more astounded when I looked at the



Did I time-travel back? Yeah I did! It was a week before. Someone casted a spell on me!?" "Something hit your head. Hurry rush to your exam room! Ancient Western Civilization exam is 1 pm.," he encouraged me. I was still in awe looking around like a CCTV.



"This time carpe diem."



His Latin phrase was not intelligible to me, but I hoped I could do better this time. Hopefully, it was the same exam I had done before.

Poems

"The Best Light"

**Beneath the sunshine
We live against the fact we blind
Perhaps the sun ignites
Burning every single step of moving forward**

**Even in the darkest night
The sky does cry
Fading away the smiles**

**The mad sky knows nothing but loveless
It screams as it lightens up the darkness
The night gone moonless**

**Shall we remain the night, suffing the broken
I'd rather die in the best light**

" Winter "

**Back before the snow fell
I was cold and you kept me inside
the space between the ash and the forest
began with silence a deep inhaling light
watching broken branches dancing
in the wind that taught my dust to breathe
the rain has always felt like rebirth**

**Alone blue black and mine
where little holes ripple
with little hopes a little slower
between the ash and the forest**

**I follow footsteps in broken circles
and curse the soft wrinkles that you left behind**

**I trace them into shapes
those perfect crystal
shards litter glittering
in the grass a little colder I fall too
Free and clear and petrified and let go**

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Poems

“ SHE ”

Being her the way she is
Is not boastful or blameful
It could be blushful at times
But is always blissful, I know

Then you babble and label
Letting her baffle and boggle
The bidden beaten batten blacken beacon
To be bitten but now she bargains

Arms and ankle in perfect angle
Without any friction
With a fortune fraction
In her fabulous fashion

Carefully, cautiously, calmly, concernedly
She captions
“Life is beautiful with me”
Then you go,
Face bake like a cake

“The Sun Has Set”

The sun has set, the dark has come.
We are grieving so hard for the past sun.
No more the warm daylight,
The cold night has come.
We are mourning from our heart,
We’ve lost our loved one.

The sun has risen, the night has gone.
The new sun arrives,
So does the beginning of our way.
No more the tears of the night, our lives go on.
Indeed, the sun can’t forever stay,
We know there’ll be the day.

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