



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATIVE PROGRAM Mesa Community College, 2016-17

Dessy Ferriyanti - Pontianak City, Indonesia **Early Childhood Education**

Dessy completed her Bachelor of Education at the Universitas Tanjungpura and in 7 years of experience with children as an English teacher she developed an eagerness for helping students build the foundation of their life. She dreams of building her own school and believes that the knowledge obtained by studying Early Childhood Education in the United States will allow her to contribute to a better society and impact children from areas in need. She is eager to experience the diversity in America - especially the Native American culture - and in the CCI Program as well.



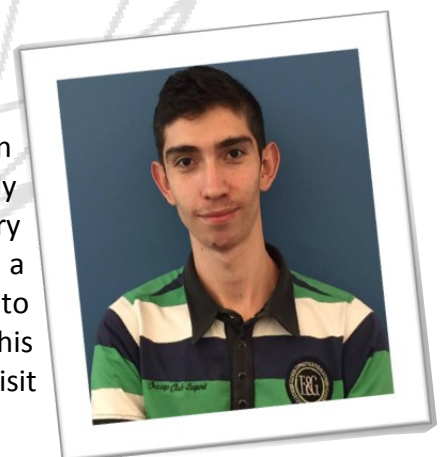
Shafat Ullah - Peshawar, Pakistan **Business Management & Administration**

Shafat obtained his Bachelor of Commerce from the Government College of Management Sciences in Peshawar. Accounting is one his passions and he has been working in the field since 2014. During the program, one of Shafat's main goals is to volunteer and dedicate himself to the community. Besides that, he aims to enhance his Finance and Leadership skills, which he believes are the foundation to help his home country's society prosper.



Edier Gomez - Manizales, Colombia **Early Childhood Education**

Edier is currently working towards his Bachelor of Education in Foreign Languages. Despite being the youngest member in the group, he already has 3 years of professional experience in his field of study and is very determined to excel in the Program. He believes that being immersed in a multicultural environment will provide him with all the necessary skills to grow personally and develop better teaching techniques to innovate his students' learning process. Edier loves History and is looking forward to visit and learn about different historic sites in America.





Haji Bibi - Gilgit Baltistan, Pakistan
Business Management & Administration

Haji graduated from the Punjab College of Commerce in Rawalpindi, where she earned her Bachelor of Commerce. She has a background in Accounting and plans on pursuing a career in Finance. Besides that, she finds great joy in volunteering and teaching, as she strives to be the change she wants to see in her community by mentoring students. During her participation in the Program, Haji seeks to improve her Leadership and English skills, and experience life in an environment that provides gender equality regarding educational opportunities, which she believes is the key to transform the mindset of her community.

Sujit Dutta - Kolkata, India

Early Childhood Education

Sujit has dedicated 3 years of his life to Prayasam, the Non-Profit Organization in India where he currently works as a Project Associate. He is very interested in the cultural exchange the CCI Program provides and through his participation he seeks to be an inspiration to the children from his community. He believes in the importance of encouraging growth, especially in cognitive and social skills and wants to implement significant changes in the learning process the schools in his community offer. Besides that, Sujit is a great sports fan and yoga enthusiastic.



Apner Songa - Tobelo, Indonesia
Business Management & Administration

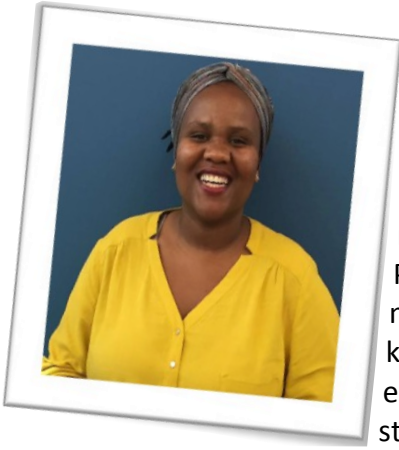
Apner has a degree in Ecotourism and has worked as an English teacher for 2 years. He is also an impacting entrepreneur in his community: he owns a local store and runs a microfinance business. Apner's main goal is to learn everything he can about Business Management and Administration, most specifically human resources, leadership development and marketing, in order to improve the way he leads his business. He strives to be a role model for his people and desires to become a changemaker.

Joselia Silva Sales - Teresina, Brazil

Business Management & Administration

Josélia is currently working towards her degree in Environmental Management and her main goal is to enhance her Business knowledge so that she is equipped to become an efficient manager in her home country, most precisely within the field of sustainability. Josélia also aims to expand her professional and personal development and she believes volunteering plays an important role in succeeding in her objectives. During her free time, she studies music and her hobbies include playing the drums and singing.





Thabisa Gajana - Cape Town, South Africa
Early Childhood Education

Thabisa has a vast experience in Customer Service but found her heart invested in Children Psychology. She is currently a student at False Bay College and believes knowledge is transmitted through a relationship with children built on trust and understanding. Professionally, she has volunteered to acquire experience and learn more about her field. Thabisa seeks to gain academic and professional knowledge in the Program and experience culture diversity and women empowerment. She also wants to change her community scenario by starting her own school.

Qaim Abbas - Peshawar, Pakistan
Business Management & Administration

Professionally, Qaim has over 2 years of experience in the field of Business, as an Accounts/Sales Assistant. Upon obtaining his Bachelor of Commerce in 2013 from the University of Peshawar, he discovered a great enthusiasm for Accounting and Finance and because he believes success comes from following your passion, he seeks to enhance his expertise in this field during his participation in the Program. As a young leader he wants to make a difference by starting an innovative organization in his home country to mentor and counsel business students, helping them find the right career path.



Sulastri Pardani - Selong, Indonesia
Early Childhood Education

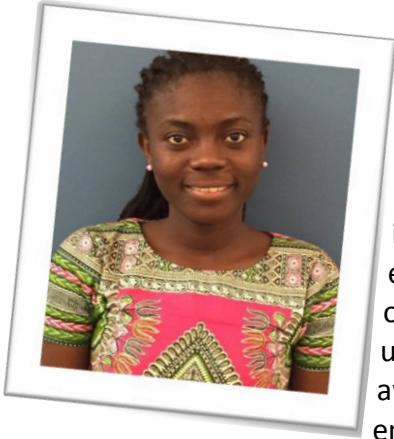
Sulastri completed her Bachelor of Education at the Mataram University in Indonesia and has been working as a teacher for around 7 years. Within her field of study she aims to focus her degree in Paraprofessional Education, a specification she believes will bring positive changes and impact her community. Sulastri is certain that she will acquire all the necessary Leadership skills in the Program to create a better environment in the classroom and encourage the development of new leaders as well.



Komal Shafique - Rawalpindi, Pakistan
Business Management & Administration

Komal holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the Punjab University in Lahore. Before joining the CCI Program, she worked as an Accountant for 2 years and she trusts that studying in the United States is the best opportunity to enhance her financial skills to become an asset to her country. She is a strong advocate for gender equality and seeks to be a role model for women in her society. During her year abroad, Komal hopes to achieve academic excellence, experience diversity and learn more about the values that make the American society unique.





Irene Ofosua Adjei - Accra, Ghana

Business Management & Administration

Obtaining a degree in General Arts inspired Irene to understand and explore the nature and different behaviors of people. This reinforces her interest in specializing in Marketing and Branding. She is committed to enhance her English proficiency and learn more about human relations in order to succeed in her career. Irene wants to contribute to her community using the Leadership skills she will obtain in the program by raising awareness to the recurring issues in her society, and promoting women empowerment.

Mohamed Soliman - El Bagour, Egypt

Early Childhood Education

Mohamed graduated from the Monofiya University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science, Chemistry and Botany and professionally he has always been involved with preschool education and teaching. Within his field of study, he wants to specialize in Children Psychology because he believes it is one of the main necessary skills to encourage children build a solid character and a hunger for knowledge. Mohamed is also seeking to enhance his English competency and Communication skills during the his academic year in the United States.



Amilya Periera - Kolkata, India

Early Childhood Education

Amilya is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in English at St. Xavier College and has near to 7 years of experience in the field, teaching to spread awareness, teen counseling and peer education. Since she comes from a very conservative background, during the program Amilya aims to understand and experience the American society's intrinsic values, such as freedom and quality education. Amilya is confident that the Program will provide her with all the necessary skills to thrive and engage her community in the changes that will lead to a better life.

Zeeshan Ahmed - Kolkata, India

Business Management & Administration

Zeeshan has a background in Commerce and significant expertise in the Accounting field. His main goal in the Program is to obtain the leadership skills and business knowledge that will lead him to be a successful businessman, capable of implementing ideas to bring progress to his community. He is also interested in expanding his worldview and personal development. Zeeshan is very proud of his culture and values the cultural integratuion offered by the Program. Zeeshan also strives to be a solution oriented person and to enhance his critical thinking.

