# CEO INSIDER



**BELLEVUE COLLEGE • NOVEMBER 2018 - VOLUME 13** 

Student Success Day - No Classes - December 3 - D106

Make your 2 hours in December with popcorn and a movie!

Movie Marathon starts at 8:30 and runs every 2 hours

### **Tentative Schedule!**

8:30 Groundhog Day	2:30 Coco
10:30 Blazing Saddles	4:30 How the Grinch Stole Christmas
12:30 Hot Fuzz	6:30 Pirates of the Caribbean

## CEO STAFF

Audrey Harmon is a certified CPR and lifeguard instructor



Hey Y'all! Anastasia is proud to be from Texas!

**Dexter Harrington is a DnD fanatic.** 

Fabien speaks 4 languages!

Vandana is owned by a 5-year old genius.

Anthony is finishing his Bachelors in Computer Science at Bellevue College

Tran learned
English in Vietnam

Nathaniel has no sense of smell

Natalie dropped out of school at age 14 – and is finishing her Bachelors in Psychology at BC!



# CEO INSIDER Student Spotlight - Areg Zaratsyan



During high school I felt overwhelmed and unmotivated by the large number of uninteresting classes I was forced to take. Finally, I had had enough, and decided to quit high school and enroll in the CEO program. Once I was here, I realized that I could take classes in Japan with BC's Study Abroad program. At first I was hesitant, since I had little experience living independently. But I was intrigued by all the technological advancements in Japan and wanted to know more. The trip gave me valuable experience in managing my budget, meals, scheduling and organizing and interacting with challenging roommates.

The program hosted a variety of weekly field trips. We visited museums and saw a demonstration of Japanese archery in a Kendo Club. I think I most enjoyed the National Art Center in **Tokyo** where I saw an exhibition of Makato Shinkai, the creator of Your Name.

In addition to academics, we had free time to explore Japan. In the middle of the quarter, students were given a week to do whatever they wished. I visited amusement parks like Disney Tokyo and Disney Sea. I was intrigued by how different Japanese parks were from American parks. The service at the parks was exceptional, and the staff was very kind and welcoming. I recommend checking out those locations if you ever get a chance!



**Kendo Club Demonstration** 

We visited **Nagasaki**, at the southernmost region of Japan. Nagasaki was exquisite. The city is located on three points atop mountains overlooking a vast ocean. It is one of the most awe inspiring views in the world. In **Hiroshima** I explored many parks, and took a ferry to the island of Itsukushima, where the Itsukushima Floating Torii gate stood. And finally I went to **Kyoto**, and spent 2 days exploring the many temples and palaces. Before I knew it, the trip was over.

The time I spent in Japan was one of the highlights of my life. This opportunity was unbelievable and it wouldn't have been possible if I hadn't taken the first steps to come out of my shell. I still remember being in high school and feeling like I didn't belong. The CEO program gave me the freedom to choose classes that motivate me to study and continue my education. In the end I learned a lot about both myself and Japanese culture, and I couldn't be more grateful for this opportunity.

#### **CEO CELEBRITY!**

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Winner / Physique





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