



International Student Profiles

Tilia Tanner



"Originally from Albania, it has been a life-long dream of mine to study in the United States. As a student at Bergen, I learned the importance of education from my professors and peers. Bergen also provided me with a sense of belonging and acceptance

because I was surrounded by individuals who wanted to succeed. After graduating from Bergen, I received a bachelor's degree from William Paterson University. I am currently attending graduate school at Columbia University."

Papa Ibrahima Faty



"Originally from Senegal, I came to the United States because I wanted to fulfill my dreams of becoming an engineer. I was initially impressed with Bergen's small class sizes that provide for greater interaction between professors and students.

I have also met students from a variety of backgrounds and learned about different cultures. My goals are to be an engineer and to contribute to the education of my country. I would like to help the young who will be the future of Senegal. Additionally, I am a member of the a variety of College clubs and organizations, including the International Student Association."

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Dea Ho Moon, May 2010 Valedictorian



"I was born in Boseong, but I grew up in Suwon City in South Korea. I lived there for 20 years, and came to the United States after graduating high school. I started Bergen with the American Language Program. Through various club activities and programs offered from Bergen, I grasped the meaning of diversity, leadership, and friendship and also challenged myself though the Honors Program. Through this great opportunity, I was able to prepare myself for the four year universities. I became the Valedictorian of the Class 2010, and got admitted to the University of California Berkeley."



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BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS:

- A beautiful campus in suburban N.J.
- Outstanding academic programs
- A great location; only 30 minutes from New York City
- Dedicated faculty and staff
- American Language Program/ESL
- An International Student Center dedicated to student success
- Career counseling
- Opportunities for transfer to four-year colleges and universities
- The largest community college in New Jersey , which is proud to have more than 750 international students, representing 66 countries from around the world
- Many international students complete an associate’s degree at Bergen, and then transfer to prominent four-year institutions. Examples include Rutgers University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, New York University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, University of Maryland and the Fashion Institute of Technology.

Recommended Deadlines

Applications for the Fall semester from abroad should be submitted by **June 1**.

The recommended deadline for students transferring to Bergen from another U.S. institution for the Fall semester is **August 15**.

Applications for the Spring semester from abroad should be submitted by **October 15**.

The recommended deadline for students transferring to Bergen from another U.S. institution for the Spring semester is **December 1**.

*Please note, most deadlines are flexible.

Admissions Requirements

- An application to Bergen Community College
- Proof of high school or college completion
- Proof of financial support
- Passport copies

*The TOEFL exam is not required for admission. Each student will take the Levels of English Proficiency test when they arrive on campus. This test measures proficiency in reading, writing, and listening and may place students in the American Language Program (ALP). There is no fee for this test and it is taken on the Bergen campus.

Tuition and Fees

Bergen provides an outstanding education at reasonable cost. Current tuition for one semester is estimated at \$4,000 (subject to change). The College does not provide housing, although many students live with family members, find apartments or home-stays in the local area.

Two Year Degree Programs include:

- Business administration
- Event Planning & Management
- Radiography*
- Engineering Science
- Liberal Arts
- Social Sciences
- Natural Sciences
- World Languages and Cultures
- Hotel and Restaurant Management
- And many more
- Graphic Design/Computer Graphics
- Nursing*

International students are not eligible to apply for these programs until they have completed their first semester at the College.

While attending Bergen, students are encouraged to participate in clubs, organizations, diversity weekends, heritage celebrations and many other events throughout the year.



Knowledge for today, confidence for tomorrow.