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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

November 13-15 Ethics of Biotechnology

November 17-21 International Education Week

November 21 EMU International Potluck Dinner

November 27-28 Thanksgiving holidays

This Is My Story

A Foggy Night

When I was fourteen years old my father and I went to Xalapa City. During the visit, it was terribly foggy. It was so foggy that I couldn't see my own feet and cars and buses moved slowly with their lights on. During the night the weather got worse. My father had an appointment in that city and he couldn't cancel. We couldn't get a taxi, so we had to walk. After a few steps, we were lost. We couldn't see anything. Suddenly, we heard a female voice, offering to help us. My father explained to her where we wanted to go; she told us to follow her. We walked five or six blocks; I was scared but my father took my hand and he made me feel comfortable. I wondered how she found that address so easily through the fog and she told me that she knew this part of the city very well. My father was thankful to her. Soon we were in the hotel, and when I was lying in my bed, I was thinking that we were lucky we found her.

Toni Herrera

My Old Bedroom

My old bedroom was very comfortable and fun. My old bedroom looked like this: in the corner to the right side of the door was one big wardrobe. To the left side of the door was my middle table. On the table was an old computer. I was playing computer every night. The bookshelf was across from the table. My room's two beds were opposite from the bookshelf. Also my old bedroom had two wall carpets. Carpets were behind the beds. My bedroom had a floor carpet, a little clock, a mirror, and only girls using these things.

When I was a high school student, my friends always visited my home. Then we were talking about some funny topics. For example, we were talking about someone and something.

One day my girl friend got a new boyfriend. Then we were talking about her new boyfriend. We asked her: "Is he tall? Is he handsome? Is he famous in his school?" After that, we knew the boy was tall, not handsome, but looked 'so-so', a good baseball player, very fun, and famous with his friends.

Puji Onchig

My First Day of School

When I was six years old, I went to the school for the first time. It was a good morning on Monday. I woke up in a good mood. Today was my first day in school. I had taken a big beautiful bouquet of flowers, and went to school. There were a lot of people. The helper in the school asked me my name and she showed me to my class. I came in to the class. There were some children and the teacher. I gave the flowers to the teacher. She showed me to my seat. I met the teacher and my new classmates. All things were new for me. I was excited. Each person told us about himself. After our acquaintance we went home. It was a great day for me because I started studying at school.

Yevgeniy Sychev

A Short Story about My Life and My Dreams

My childhood was almost normal--like any child I had dreams, fantasies...The life in a town is very different from the life in the city.

I had my own hobbies like seeing the rain drop, running in the country with my dog, and looking at the full moon in the night.

The rural environment was my life for many years. There, I studied my primary school and college. There also I learned to make a living working doing many activities.

When I was a child, I dreamed to be a doctor. I don't know why. Maybe this desire was born into me because I saw around me many children who lived poorly and were sick; maybe because I was very sickly.

But I grew and in the process my ideas changed. I was seventeen when I chose to study a university career. Although, for this I renounced my great aspiration: studying music.

But still, I don't lose the hope for reaching my dreams. I hope one day somebody could see me or listen to me, someone who wants to help me make my dream come true.

Joel Cano

Watching the Rain

I'm sitting close to the window, looking at the rain. It is wonderful to see how it changes direction or intensity. Sometimes it is slow and thin, giving a peaceful view; other times it is strong and rude like it wants to punish the soil. The wind is helping in this function, directing the rain towards and how it wants. Moreover, it is taking away many, many leaves, so the trees look naked and cold. Even though my writing could sound dark or sad, it is not like that because I like the rain.

Marina Fernandez

Quotes From IEP Students

Thoughts About IEP

I like this idea about having pen pals. Each student can have one.

~**Natalie Nicolai**

My classmates are good friends.

~**Maria Hernandez**

I speak and learn more English. ~**Violeta Garcia**

Thank you for IEP giving me a good time studying English.

~**Cindy Ren**

I make the effort.

~**Martha Alvis**

This program gives me a chance to meet with lots of people from different countries. ~**Kaori Mori**

I like speaking with my conversation partner.

~**Tomasa Gomez**

- _ **I**mprove your English skills!
- _ **E**nhance your education!
- _ **P**ress forward in your career!

Informative Essays

Mexican Funerals

Funerals are very special in my country. When a person dies, the body stays for three days inside the coffin in the church. This is because family and friends go to see off and pray for the spirit to rest at peace. After they keep it for three days, they bring the body in the cemetery. Here they bring song for the person; this is to finish his/her life and to begin a new life.

Olga Martinez

How To Make a Dog House

I love dogs. When I was home I always had dogs. Not all of my family loves dogs. Every two years I had to make a dog house from iron and wood. For the first step I tried to draw a dog house on paper and calculate everything that I should do.

When I was going to make it, at first I made the base of the dog house with iron. I fixed the iron together, and after I was sure it was strong, I put wooden walls on all the sides of the iron base. At the end, I colored the dog house bright colors like yellow or light blue. My dogs always were happy to live in the dog house I had made.

Farokh Alsafi

Easy and Fast: How To Cook Arepas

If you like to cook but don't have time, I have the solution: a fast and easy recipe for *Arepas*. In a container put _ of a pound of corn flour, "Arepas Harina," _ of a pound of cream cheese, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon of salt and _ of a pound of butter.

To begin, mix by hand until you obtain a uniform mixture of all the ingredients. After that, divide the mixture into equal portions and make balls with each portion and make them flat. Then, put them in a frying pan with a little oil. When the *Arepas* are a gold color, they are ready to eat. This is my fast and easy recipe for *Arepas*.

Paula Gutierrez

How To Change Your Car Oil

Why might a man want to know how to change his car oil? For many reasons a man changes his car oil. Sometimes, because he wants to learn how to do it, and sometimes because he doesn't want to spend money. Well, most of the time I change the oil in my car, but I've learned every little step from my brother. To change the oil in your car, there are a lot of steps to follow. One of the first steps is to park your car on a flat zone, and at that time, take your jack and put it underneath your car and start lifting it to an appropriate distance and then screw out the screw. Put a pan underneath of the car. Now wait for the oil to come out. After all the oil has come out, screw the screw back in. Then put the new oil in! Then all your process of changing the oil of your car is done.

Norlan Mendez

Turkestan

In Kazakhstan there is one very interesting place to visit. It is a city, called Turkestan. It is a very old city. It is 1500 years old. It is not a big city. In the middle of the city is a big, old mosque. The mosque is made from a special composition of clay and straw. Around the

mosque is a big wall. The wall is made from special bricks. It is a very strong wall. In the past, this wall protected the mosque from enemies. The height of the mosque is 37 meters (118 feet). The width of the walls of the mosque is 3 meters (7 feet). It is a very strong structure. Now archeologists often find a lot of old things, such as money, plates, and bowls around the city. Jugs, plates, and bowls are all made from clay. Turkestan is a very famous place. It is a holy place. If you someday are in Kazakhstan, you should visit the city of Turkestan!

Yevgeniy Sychev

Admirations

The Best Parents of the World

I admire my parents because they care about me even though I am 20 years old. They understand how I feel about things, but sometimes don't agree. We have our ups and downs, but we are a happy family. Even when I do wrong things they still love me.

I admire my mom because she has taken care of me for 20 years and she will continue to take care of me. She cooks, cleans, and does laundry. She does what moms are supposed to do. My mom could brush off my laundry and cooking food for me, and say, "You are 20 years old. You need to learn how to do these things." But she doesn't. She cares about me.

I admire my dad because he works hard at his job so we can have nice things. We have a place to live, food to eat, and cars to drive. Some people may think those are little things, but these are important and a lot of people don't have these things. Even though we argue a lot, I know he still loves me, and I still love him.

I love both of my parents. They work together so our family can be happy. I am glad to have parents who care to give me good advice. I think I have the best parents in the world.

Edwin Alvis

An Inspiration

I admire my cousin Norma. She is an adventurous person. She likes to see new places and to meet new people. Last year, she traveled to the U.S.A. Norma is also very popular. She teaches math at a university. She also likes to learn new languages. She speaks English very well. She is a good person. She always helps other people with their homework or when they have a problem in their class. She never says, "I can't." For all these reasons, I admire my cousin.

Olga Martinez

My God

I admire my God because he created all human beings. We must follow the instruction of God because the God doesn't like humans to get hurt or be lost.

If anybody follows that religion which God gave to all humans, nobody will make mistakes and no one will get hurt. I admire God because he gave us the right religion to follow. From Adam until the last messenger (Muhammad), there has been the same religion but in different books with different names and they have told everyone about that religion.

There is only one way just one way to get closer to God. We must believe that there is only one God and that God is great. These are the reasons why I admire God.

Amir I Rashid

The Person That I admire

My husband is the person that I admire. He is the kind of person of my dreams. He is honest, sweet and confidential. He loves life because he hasn't time enough for it, but he is very optimistic and persistent. He likes to help people to confront life with dignity and compassion. He is a generous and loving father because he teaches with his example. He is a hard worker, because he works a lot of hours to try to support his family. He shows mercy and charity towards others. He likes to help people and confront problems with counsel, food, clothes, etc. He is a very good friend. He has a lot of friends because he is confidential and a good listener. All these reasons make me admire and love my husband.

Mercedes Rodriguez

My Best Friend

I admire my friend, Anna. I think she is very independent and has a wide view. Anna and I went to the same kindergarten school. She always tried very many things. She took lots of lessons in English ever since she was a child, and she knows lots of foreigners, so she gave me a chance to meet and talk with foreigners. This led to my interest in English. I always learned from her spirit. For example, she always thinks about everyone, and she doesn't do anything if she feels bad, and she is a good sport. I feel very comfortable when I speak, go shopping, and do something with her. Because I feel development from her personality, I love my friend.

Kaori Mori

Admiring My Husband

I have always admired my husband. He is an interesting man to me because he is helpful to me and my children and other people. He is a polite man. He is nice to people. He helps people when they need help. He has a strong religion. He wants God to be proud of him. He tries to be a nice person in this life, in order to get a good reward from God in the hereafter. He wants his children to have the same childhood as he did, and he wants them to have a good future. Those are the reasons why I admire my husband.

Nerges A. Ibrahim

A Tribute To My Parents

I admire my parents. I admire them because they are patient. They work hard and I have never heard that they feel tired. When I was in my country, everyday when they finished work they had to come home, have dinner and talk with us. Although they worked hard, they had enough time for me, my sisters and my brother. They are also kind. They have never been angry even though I sometimes didn't listen and do what they told me to do. They bought and did anything that would make me happy. They are responsible. My parents like people who are responsible and they always tell me to behave and do anything that I say I will do.

I love and miss my parents very much. I would like to do everything to make them happy. And I hope they have very good health.

Kiang Xongsy

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More Quotes From IEP Students

Observations About the United States

All American areas are not big cities. When I came to Harrisonburg from Dulles Airport, I could see farms all of the time. ~**Samuel Park**

We saw a lot of merit of Americans: people were friendly, kind, and especially they kept traffic rules in contrast to Koreans. ~**Yong Bum Chun**

The people who live in the United States are nice and kind. Language is a big problem for any person who wants to move here. ~**Yumus Huang**

To achieve my goal in American, I have to try very hard. ~**Jonah Choi**