



HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

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THE GLENDALE COLLEGE ADVANTAGE

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#1 FIRST—
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COMPLETION
RATE*



#1 FIRST—
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COMPLETION RATE*

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Glendale Community College is a premiere community college that consistently ranks at the top of the Los Angeles region and in the top ten percent of all community colleges statewide.

Glendale College advantages include our beautiful, safe and clean campus; extensive student services; unique academic, career, and technical programs; comprehensive degree offerings; an outstanding athletic tradition; numerous clubs and student organizations; and valuable internship, mentoring and scholarship opportunities.

If you'd like to know more about the Glendale College Advantage, call Student Outreach Services (SOS): **(818) 240-1000 ext. 4767** or visit our web site:

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Pedro and Juliana Kim knew where they wanted to go and are proud of how they got there.

California Dreamin'

▶▶ Applying the Glendale College Advantage

If you could choose to attend any university in the world, do you know what your dream school would be? Is it the home of your favorite sports team, or the school with the best reputation in a specific field? Maybe a political or business leader you admire went there, or perhaps you have a strong family or religious connection. Whatever the draw, if you're like Pedro and Juliana Kim, you may have to go to great lengths to get there.

The Kims were aware that their father had an unfulfilled dream of attending grad school at UC Berkeley, but Juliana and Pedro never gave much thought to going there themselves. That is, until one memorable evening when she was 15 and he was 16. "We were in the car with our family, heading to a restaurant for dinner, and our parents just came out and told us we're moving to the United States," recalled Juliana. "It was a life-changing moment."

You see, the Kim siblings were born and raised in Brazil; Sao Paulo was their home and Portuguese is their native language. They are of Korean descent—their father came to Brazil with his parents as a teenager—so they also spoke Korean at home, and had even studied some Spanish in school. But English was definitely a foreign language to them. Regardless, their parents decided that they should attend college in the United States, so, according to Juliana, "that was that."

"They had it all planned out," Pedro explained, "but we didn't know until about two weeks in advance. They told us to pack our stuff and let's go!" Pedro and Juliana went out every day those last two weeks, saying goodbye to friends, and as Juliana recalls, "The next thing we knew, we were in the Atlanta airport, struggling to communicate in English about our lost luggage. We ended up missing our connecting flight to Los Angeles."

Their father had researched the area's high schools and chose to locate the family in La Crescenta; Juliana and Pedro would be joining the sophomore and junior classes at Crescenta Valley High School. "The transition was pretty harsh," said Pedro. "The culture is very different. As soon as I started school I had to take the SAT and prepare for college. I had done a lot of reading in Brazil, but the first book I read in English was Moby Dick, and I didn't understand a bit of it." He kept at it, though—reading and recording himself to try to get rid of his accent. "It was a tough process and it took a long time."

They saw how much their parents were willing to sacrifice to give them the best educational opportunities, so Pedro and Juliana decided to take advantage of

the situation. "UC Berkeley was my father's dream school," said Pedro, "but he was never able to get there, so it became my goal to at least get in."

When Pedro applied to Berkeley as a senior at CVHS he wasn't accepted. "I think I was fortunate—not getting in right out of high school," said Pedro. "I was disappointed, but I found a lot of opportunities at GCC that I might have missed otherwise."

During his first semester at Glendale Community College, Pedro saw a poster advertising an open position in the student government—the ASGCC. "I walked in, scheduled an interview, and I luckily got the job," said Pedro. Most ASGCC officers are elected, but mid-term openings are filled through an application and interview process. "This wouldn't have happened at Berkeley, where you have about two to three hundred students competing for one position."

Through his work in the ASGCC, Pedro was able to secure an internship with State Senator Carol Liu's office, and that position led him to join an organic chemistry research project at GCC. "Being on the research team gave me hands-on experience in the field I was planning to major in, and the things I learned were invaluable," said Pedro. "We presented our findings at a symposium for undergraduate researchers and we even won an award. None of the transfer students that I've met have ever talked about doing research at community college. Attending GCC provided me a unique opportunity."

When it was her turn to apply, Juliana also knocked on Berkeley's door. "I thought I'd have a better chance of getting in than Pedro did since I had one more year of high school in the U.S., but I didn't get in either." Following Pedro's lead, she also enrolled at GCC and ran for student government. "It actually changed the person I am," said Juliana. "I used to be very shy and couldn't even talk in front of a small group of people, but one of my student government jobs involved overseeing all the clubs, so that forced me to develop the skills I need to interact with a lot of people."

Student clubs, the Scholars Program, student government, and special research projects like the one Pedro participated in all provide students with valuable access to faculty and staff mentors and advisors, and that's a GCC advantage you likely wouldn't find as a freshman at a large university. "At Berkeley, the professors are like celebrities," Pedro explained, "and your access to them is very limited. If you go to their office hours, there will be about

GCC Student Clubs and Organizations

Clubs and organizations are a great way to get involved in campus life, and if there isn't already one that suits your interests, you can always start a new one!

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| Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) | Glendale College Leo Club |
| Alcohol and Drug Studies | Glendale College Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers |
| Aviation and Space Club of GCC | Global Medical Training |
| Animalovers | Hawak Kamay Filipino Club |
| Armenian Student Association | Hiking Club |
| Astronomy & Space Exploration Club | InterVarsity Christian Fellowship |
| GCC ASL Club | Initiating Community Action |
| The Arts & Writing Club | International Student Association |
| Be Fit | Investors Club of GCC |
| GCC Boxing Club | Journalism Club |
| Chinese Student Association | Kebab Club |
| English Conversation Club | Korea Campus Crusade for Christ |
| GCC Covered California | Persian Student Association |
| Early Childhood Educators Club | Pre- Medical Society |
| Circle K International | Pre- Pharmacy Society |
| Circular Reasoning | Robotics Team |
| Environmental Club | Rotaract Club of GCC |
| Film Collective | SALMA: Save A Life, Move A Heart |
| Focus for H.O.M.E. Life | Scholars Program |
| Fun and Fitness | SGI Buddhist Club |
| Future Business Leaders Association | Student Nurses Association |
| Game of Thrones Club | Troops of God |
| Global Mindset Group | GCC Theatre Guild |
| GCC Gay Straight Alliance | V.O.I.C.E.S. |
| GCC Photography Club | YWCA GCC |
| Geography Club | |

For details about student clubs, visit www.glendale.edu/clubs

A Scholarly Advantage

GCC Scholars Program

If you're planning to attend GCC and then transfer to a top-tier university like UCLA or USC you can greatly improve your chances for admission by participating in the Scholars Program. Established in 1986, Scholars is an academic, community service and social activities program that's designed to equip students with enhanced records to help them transfer successfully.

Scholars students must commit to completing six honors courses over three semesters while performing 15 hours of community service per term. "We have a wide variety of honors courses here," explained Dr. Michael Harnett, Professor of English and Humanities at GCC and the Scholars Program Director. "We make the honors courses more rigorous with more opportunities for collaborating, presenting and publishing, and they might include additional lab or experiential learning elements that aren't part of standard courses."

Scholars students can choose from a list of art, social science, political science, economics, anthropology, and history of science courses, along with English composition, English literature, and of course, the entire math sequence through calculus. "We find that there are a lot of students who want to challenge themselves in a range of subjects," explained Dr. Harnett, "and they are rewarded not only with a broader, deeper understanding, but they also get an "H" designation on their transcripts. Universities love to see those."

Enhancing your transfer application with honors courses is especially effective when applying to UCLA because of their Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) with GCC. "If a student completes our Scholars program in good standing, they effectively double or triple their chances of getting accepted at UCLA," said Dr. Harnett. "Compared to typical community college students, where around 30% will successfully transfer, we are seeing more like 80% acceptance rates for Scholars Program students."

Students who want to succeed at college don't just go to class and go home. There are significant advantages to participating in campus activities, and being a member of the Scholars Program at GCC means more than just taking honors classes. The organization is run like a club, with members working in committees, organizing community service projects and social activities. "We have game nights where 30 to 40 people get together," said Anush Kadayan, Vice President of Scholars. "Sometimes it's on campus and sometimes off, but it's always fun. It's a great way to socialize with people, and I'm on campus a lot more often than just for classes. I have a lot more to look forward to when I come here."

High school seniors who want to join the Scholars Program can apply up until April 1 for the following fall semester. You'll need a 3.25 unweighted GPA, you must have successfully completed college preparatory coursework, and you must take the Glendale College assessment exams in math and English, placing in English 101. Links to the application and list of required supporting documents can be found online at www.glendale.edu/scholars.

"Scholars students get a feeling of membership and ownership—a chance to bond," said Dr. Harnett. "They learn how to be leaders. They are all very capable people who utilize every opportunity to succeed."



To apply for the GCC Scholars Program, visit www.glendale.edu/scholars

to enhance your transfer prospects.

50 people there, and the professors barely talk to you. You get to ask one question and they say, 'Look at this page in the book.' Then you're done. But at GCC, I was able to maintain close relationships with the professors. Sometimes we'd go to lunch together, we'd exchange text messages. There's such a direct connection, and when you get to know them you realize that they really want to help you."

As you can tell from the photos, both Pedro and Juliana did eventually transfer to Berkeley. They had both been accepted at other schools along the way, but according to Pedro, "I was being stubborn, with my mind set on going to Berkeley." He had a high GPA, but since he was applying as an engineering major, there were additional classes that he needed to complete, so he stayed at GCC for a third year. "Once I had those on my transcript, I think my student government, internship, and research project experience helped to boost my application and made the difference."

Juliana also needed to stand out as an exceptional transfer candidate. She was applying to the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley—the second-oldest business school in the country, and because of its limited size, it's a very difficult school to get into. "I think the transfer acceptance rate was 6% when I got in," Juliana said, "and there are a lot of pre-business students who are already at Berkeley who don't get accepted. They end up having to change their majors; it changes their entire career path. But the fact that I was able to transfer in from GCC says a lot about the level of preparation, and it has gotten me a lot of positive feedback."

Pedro changed his major after his first year at Berkeley and is now finishing up a degree with a minor in education. "I did some tutoring when I was at GCC—both on campus and privately for family friends—and it helped me realize that I want to work in education. I'd encourage anyone who comes to GCC to pursue internships and student organizations. It can really help you see how the world works."

"You should definitely get involved as soon as you get there," Juliana added, "because there isn't much time. A couple of years go by really quickly, but you'll get a lot more out of them when you put more in."

New Student Checklist for 2015

Don't miss out!

You must complete these steps by June 12 to receive priority registration for fall 2015.

January 2015

- Apply to Glendale Community College for the fall 2015 semester**
 - Application available online January 19 at www.glendale.edu.
 - Applying is easy and it's FREE.

February

- Complete an Online Orientation**
 - Once you receive your student ID number, visit www.glendale.edu/Orientation.

March–April

- Take your Math and English/ESL Assessment Tests**
 - Assessment tests are available at GCC beginning March 16 in SF112.
 - Visit www.glendale.edu/Assessment for testing schedule and sample tests.
 - Be sure to review sample tests prior to taking assessment tests.
 - The Assessment staff will make your appointment for a Group Academic Advising Workshop.

April–May

- Attend your Group Academic Advising Workshop**
 - A counselor will help you develop your required abbreviated Student Educational Plan (SEP).

June–July

- Register for fall 2015 classes at GCC**
 - The deadline to apply and complete your orientation, assessment tests, and abbreviated SEP is June 12 to be eligible for priority registration. Priority registration begins on June 29.
 - You will be notified of your registration date through MyGCC, your online student portal, on June 22.
 - If you do not complete your application, orientation, assessment tests, and abbreviated SEP by June 12, you will be allowed to register during open registration. Open registration begins on July 20.

Planning to start GCC in fall 2015? Talk to your high school counselor now about GCC's

ECAP Early College Acceptance Program.

We will help you complete the New Student Checklist so you don't miss out!

ECAP Advantages:

Application Workshops

- Conducted by GCC Student Outreach Services (SOS) on-site at your high school.
- Held either during class or after school.
- You will receive assessment test study guides and advice.

Test Prep

- Assessment Test preparation classes are available for free at GCC's Garfield Campus.
- GCC's SOS staff will be available to answer any questions.

Assessment and Group Academic Advising Workshop

- Held at GCC during your regular school hours.
- You will be provided free bus transportation to and from your high school.
- You will receive free lunch at GCC.
- Your English and math assessment tests will be scored immediately.
- You'll attend a group academic advising workshop with a GCC counselor and:
 - Receive an overview of the college.
 - Learn how to use MyGCC, your student portal.
 - Create your required abbreviated Student Educational Plan (SEP).

What's not to like?

Talk to your counselor and take advantage of everything ECAP has to offer! (Did we mention the FREE LUNCH?)

www.glendale.edu/ECAP

Get in touch with these helpful Student Services. Our mission is your success!

Academic Counseling	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5918	www.glendale.edu/counseling
Admissions & Records	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5910	www.glendale.edu/AR
Athletics	(818) 240-1000 ext. 3193	www.glendale.edu/athletics
ASGCC (Student Government)/Clubs/Organizations	(818) 240-1000 ext. 3033	www.glendale.edu/as
Assessment Center	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5329	www.glendale.edu/assessment
Bookstore	(818) 240-1000 ext. 3015	www.glendale.edu/bookstore
Career Center	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5407	www.glendale.edu/careercenter
Center for Students with Disabilities	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5905	www.glendale.edu/csd
Center for Student Involvement (CSI)	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5789	www.glendale.edu/csi
EOPS	(818) 240-1000 ext. 6900	www.glendale.edu/eops

Fees, Tuition & Refunds	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5930	
Financial Aid	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5916	www.glendale.edu/financialaid
Health Center	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5909	www.glendale.edu/healthcenter
Instructional Services	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5904	
Learning Center	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5333	www.glendale.edu/learningcenter
Library	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5586	www.glendale.edu/library
Scholarship Office	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5591	www.glendale.edu/scholarships
Scholars Program	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5699	www.glendale.edu/scholars
Student Employment	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5194	www.glendale.edu/ses
Student Outreach Services	(818) 240-1000 ext. 4767	www.glendale.edu/sos
Tutoring Center	(818) 240-1000 ext. 5333	

Student Outreach Services

Do you have any questions about Glendale Community College? Would you like us to mail you information about our programs? How about a campus tour? Please call Student Outreach Services: (818) 240-1000 ext. 4767. We will be happy to assist you.



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