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Introduction

It is important to show the great work at University of Dubuque that makes perfect connection and healthy environment between domestic students and international faculty and students. As a senior international student at University of Dubuque, I have always felt respected and welcomed here. Hopefully, this book will help new students to see the experience of previous students and the great job that have been done by the faculty and staff at University of Dubuque.



President Jeff Bullock

Dubuque, Iowa

USA

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Our main goal is to provide an educational experience for all students in an environment that most closely approximates the world in which we live. We believe that it's best to learn in an environment in which we expect students to one day lead in.

We are grateful for the trust that all of our international students, faculty and staff members have invested in the University of Dubuque and its Mission. We are a better place because you have invested in us!!

We live in challenging times in our country and across the world. I continue to believe that the University's distinctive Mission is exactly what is needed to help form leaders for these challenging times.

If you are looking for a welcoming school for international students, University of Dubuque is the place. Our President Jeff Bullock always cares about international & domestic students by providing everything they need.

I started school in 2017, and now I am graduating in 2021. So, I have always seen president Bullock welcoming, smiling, helping, and encouraging students. Thank you for everything you have done for us, we are all grateful for you president Bullock.





Lisa Carroll

Dubuque, Iowa

USA

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When I come to see the campus on a tour everyone was welcoming you could see that the students at UD are one big happy family. Another reason is how much the students support each other not just sports but academically, going to actives, and events that happen on campus.

Inclusive: there are no labels at UD, everyone is welcomed into the family. Something I learned at UD is there a little piece of everywhere on the world. You meet so many new people with diverse cultures. There is always something to do and something to learn about somewhere in the world. Something I want upcoming students to know is do not be afraid to meet new and step out of your zone.

Lisa Carroll is one of the most ambitious women I have ever met. I support the UD Volleyball team, and I met Lisa after one of the games, and we talked a little bit about that game then about photography. So, we went out a lot to take some photo-shoots since we both enjoy that.

She is a Sophomore with majoring in Elementary Education and minor in Special Education. Ms. Carroll has unlimited dream to change the world through the Education field.





Murdhi Alkaltham

Riyadh

KSA

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Murdhi Alkaltham, from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I graduated from UD in December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Forensics & Security and a minor in Criminal Justice. As in international student, you automatically bring a different culture with you wherever you go. Bringing diversity with me to UD has giving the other students/professors to see things from a cross the world without leaving the U.S. Growth. Because the university itself is growing, and it helps the students to grow along the way. I learned from UD that it's not a matter of right and wrong but it's understanding and respect each other even with our differences. I'm not going to say it's going to be easy, but I'll say it will be worth it. Try to enjoy your journeys to your dreams. Best Wishes.

Murdhi is a good idol for others when it comes to support and success. Alkaltham is a hard worker with unlimited energy.

Murdhi is always down for helping others and always love to face challenges.





Axel Aman

Stockholm
SWE

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I’m a Axel Aaman, 21 years old and I’m born and raised in Stockholm, Sweden. What brought me to UD was soccer and to experience the American college experience. Growing up in Sweden, America have influenced me a lot with everything from American music, to TV shows and politics. We read and watch a lot about America in Sweden, and I’ve always wanted to experience it on my own, so going to college to combine soccer with my studies was a great opportunity and adventure I had to do.

UD for me is diversity. One of UD’s best things is the diversity. There is students from all around the world and from all different cultures. This have thought me a lot and I’m happy since it have opened up my mind to see and learn about different parts of the world, and different paths to get to college where we are today.

One thing I have learn about UD is the pride and character it comes with attending the school. And one thing I would say to new students is to be open minded and talk to people. Since UD is so diverse, you can learn a lot by just talking to people and being open minded, and it is according to me, the best thing about UD.

Axel is a positive guy with always a smile on his face. Soccer is his passion and life. According to him that people in Sweden are obsessed with Soccer. Same goes to people from Saudi Arabia. Chosen UD has impacted him positively and opened his worldview.

Axel consider UD as his family because of the healthy environment of welcoming diversity and learning from others. Making friends it is his top priority every day, no matter religion, race, or culture.





Aigerim Begalieva

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My name is Aigerim and I am an international student from Kyrgyzstan. Currently, I am studying Masters of Divinity at University of Dubuque. In addition to that, I am an adjunct faculty of Worldview Seminar, ESL teacher to internationals, and Multicultural Group leader on campus.

I brought my academic, work, and interpersonal experiences to University of Dubuque. My academic experiences come from Kyrgyz, Russian, and Turkish educational institutions. My work experiences are from real estate, hotel industry, bookstore, nursing home, and university settings. Finally, my interpersonal experiences are from building relationships with people from around 50 countries and cultures.

I would describe University of Dubuque in one word as active. It is a very active university that offers opportunities for students, faculty and staff to explore the world and people through cultural events, concerts, comedy shows, awareness events, art gallery, holiday celebrations, and athletic events on campus.

Aigerim is a positive lady with unlimited dreams. Reading is her passion and life.

She loves challenges and her energy is something else that is leading her from success to another success.





Emily Dlugosz

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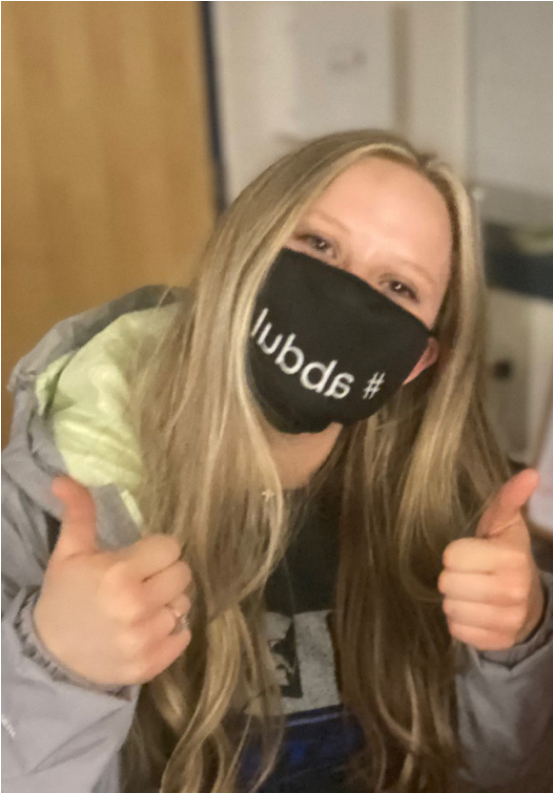
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My name is Emily, and I will be graduating from UD’s nursing program this spring. I was born in Chicago, Illinois, however, my parents and older sisters were born and raised in Poland. While I was not born in Poland, I was constantly surrounded by the language and the culture each day. The values and beliefs of my culture allow me to contribute to UD’s already diverse environment, which is one of the greatest things about UD. Growing up and being a first-generation college student, I never knew if I would truly be able to attend college, however, UD has allowed me to pursue my goals and learn so much about other’s along the way!

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There is no words can describe how grateful I am to this lovely lady for being always here for me. Especially, when Covid-19 hits, she was one of the people who asked about me to make sure I am doing fine and following the rules to avoid Covid-19.

I will always be grateful for her, and hope her life will go from happens to another happens.





Idreas Alsaedi

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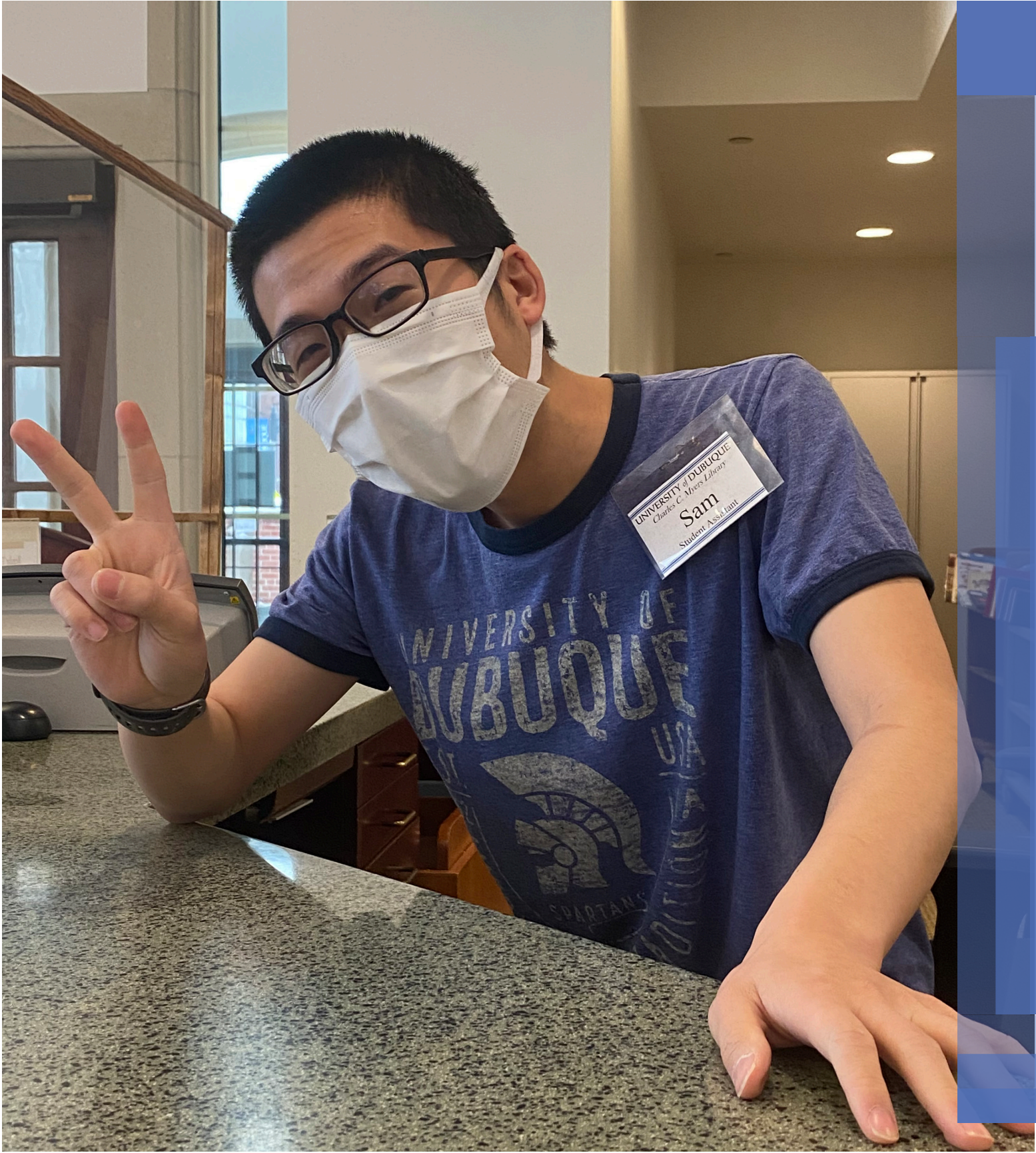
My name is Idreas from Baghdad, Iraq. In UD I have brought diversity and quality. I have always felt welcomed and loved how everyone is on one heart. Making friends is very easy at UD because everyone is down to know others. Family is the best word to describe UD and it will always be that for me.

I highly recommend new students to take advantages of UD`s environment and explore cultures and worldviews of others.

Idreas loves exploring and traveling a lot. His energy toward learning new things is unlimited. He is a freshmen but has a bright future since he never give up.

Idreas loves cars. Especially, Jaguar and that is why he is doing car dealers business.





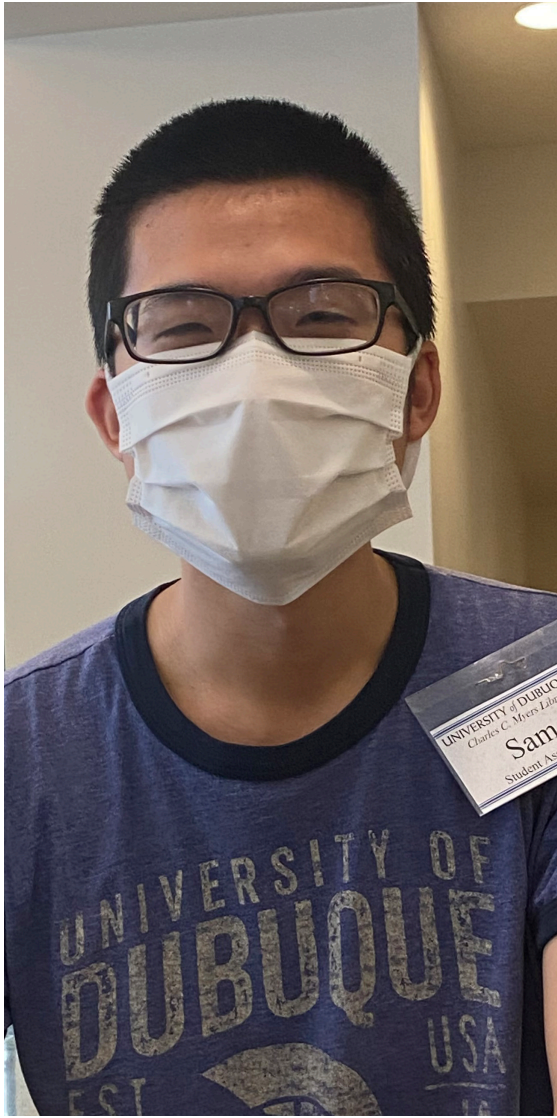
Samuel Wu

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My name is Sam Wu, I am a senior nursing student at the University of Dubuque. I am from Taiwan and have been living in Dubuque since 2013. What I bring to UD are my energy, enthusiasm, and creativity. I have also been greatly involved in various of organizations, such as the University of Dubuque Student Nursing Association where I am the current president. In UDSNA I offer my leadership skills and experience to serve the nursing students at UD. Transformational! The education and community at UD had transformed me! (Oh, and nursing school definitely transformed me as well!) I learned that the UD student body consist of students from over 20 countries! Show up and be present! Immerse yourself fully in classes, projects, assignments, activities, organizations etc. so that you get the most out of your time here. Allow your experience at UD to be a transformational time to shape and improve yourself. One thing I have learn about UD is the pride and character it comes with attending the school. And one thing I would say to new students is to be open minded and talk to people. Since UD is so diverse, you can learn a lot by just talking to people and being open minded, and it is according to me, the best thing about UD.

Sam is one of the kindest people I have met in my life. He loves everyone and always willing to help anyone needs help. That is why he has chosen the Nurse program to be more able to help and find happens while help others. Also, he is so obsessed with his bag Lukas, so funny and awesome guy.





Franklin Yartey

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My name is Franklin Nii Amankwah Yartey, I am originally from Ghana but now a United States citizen. I am the Head of the Communication Department at the University of Dubuque. I am married with two boys. I enjoy playing ping-pong and chess.

I brought with me a passion for teaching and building relationships with my students. I also brought with me a wealth of international experience. Welcoming. I chose this word because this is how I felt the first time I stepped on UD's campus.

Our students are resilient and hardworking. I encourage our upcoming students to not be afraid to ask questions and build relationships with their professors.

Professor Franklin Yartey is super positive person that deal with students as human being before anything else. Professor Yartey is one of the people who spread diversity's awareness.





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