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My name is Kairat Ibrayev. I am the first student from Kazakhstan in Vancouver Island University (VIU). When I came here, in September 2005, I was surprised by the diversity of nations; I met many people from different part of the world. But more fun began when I started attend classes. I faced the problem which was the number of assignments I was given, I thought, wow, that is too much. Step by step, I was able to manage my time, and then it was not as hard as it seemed to be first. A word should be said about the instructors I met. Every time I run into any difficulties the instructors gave me an advice or an answer, so feel free to ask everything that troubles you, do not hesitate.

Frankly speaking I feel lucky that I study at VIU. One of the reasons is that the university is located in Nanaimo. First, this cozy town is very picturesque and gorgeous. The climate is very soft; I thought that I was going to freeze in Canada but the temperature in winter mostly above zero Celsius. There are many places for doing different kinds of sports such as mountain biking, swimming, kayaking, surfing, snowboarding, skating and many others. Second, Nanaimo is a small town so many people know each other which makes this place very safe. Finally, every international student after living here for a month becomes feeling as a part of Nanaimo's community.

I am looking forward to begin my Post Degree Diploma in Business (PDDB) program in January. I got my bachelor degree in International Economic Relations in Kazakhstan; I truly believe that I will broad my economic background by studying Canadian (western) approaches, methods and techniques of business. Undoubtedly I will benefit from such practice as a specialist. Hopefully I will be able apply my knowledge for the development of Kazakhstan.

I really wish that more students come to VIU from Kazakhstan and experience great atmosphere of student life.

Regards,

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