

Student Highlight: Syahir Bin Jamil



Nickname: Syahir

From: Malaysia

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Expected Graduation: Spring 2019

Scholarships & Recognition: MARA

Favorite Spot on Campus: Game Room

Favorite Spot in Indy: Canal Walk

Student Organization Membership(s): Bridges International

Interests: Soccer

Advice: *Don't think too much, IUPUI is a great place to go!*

Why did you decide to study at IUPUI?

My sponsor, MARA, requires me to get into any top 100 universities, and it was between IUPUI and UC Davis. After considering some factors like cost of living, and campus size, it appeared to me that IUPUI is the better choice.

How has being part of the IUPUI Community helped you reach your future goals?

I think Bridges International has helped a lot. Since working in the states is a part of my future goals, I think learning more about American culture is essential. So far, I've learnt a lot from the organization. During the orientation, there were a few workshops on visas, internships, jobs, and more that could be very useful for new students.

Who "took care of you" and showed you around when you first arrived?

I got a lot of help settling in from the Malaysian students, the Welcome Team, the O-Team, and the School of Engineering themselves. I didn't apply to be a mentee for the International Peer Mentoring Program, but a friend of mine told me it's very helpful and fun.

What are your thoughts about classes and professors at IUPUI?

The classes are larger than my previous college (Everett Community College, Washington) and I couldn't help but to notice students ask questions less frequently, which I personally favor. The professors are professional and very helpful. One thing I find very helpful is their recitation sessions which weren't offered at my previous college.

How do you like campus housing?

Living off campus was a bit tedious when I first moved in but I'm starting to like it more. My neighbors are really friendly and the apartment itself offers a lot of facilities like study rooms with free wifi and a gym. My apartment is also a walkable distance from a shuttle bus stop which is great.

Where do you go grocery shopping?

I go to Walmart and Saraga for my grocery shopping. The Welcome Team made grocery trips the first few weeks of my arrival, which was really helpful. When it comes to restaurants, the Delhi Palace is quite dope. It's close to the campus and the food is amazing!