



INTERNATIONAL INSPIRATIONS

Awesome Students Doing Amazing Things



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Aditya came to the U.S. to pursue his master's degree in Computer Science because, "The U.S. offers the best programs in technical education." CSU, Chico appealed to him because it was in California, not far from the heart of the technical industry, the Silicon Valley, and it was highly recommended by a relative.

The biggest challenge Aditya faced was that the U.S. system of education emphasizes practical application (hands-on learning), rather than purely theoretical learning, which is very different than his home country. He notes that all of the resources and research material in the Meriam Library were extremely helpful and contributed to his success in the classroom.

In addition to working hard at his studies, Aditya was also active outside of the classroom.

During his time at Chico State, he was a teaching assistant, a project manager for Chico State's team that participated in the Collegiate Wind Competition in New Orleans (they won Best Deployment Strategy), and he was selected for an internship with NerdWallet Inc. These kinds of resume building activities made him an attractive candidate for employment opportunities after he graduated.

Aditya credits a great deal of his success to Dr. Colleen Robb who was a great mentor to him. He also strongly recommends that all international students participate in Curricular Practical Training (CPT), or internships, because they often lead to full-time employment after graduation.

Good luck Aditya! We wish you all the best.