



INTERNATIONAL INSPIRATIONS

Awesome Students Doing Amazing Things



Naoki Matsumoto

Home Country: Japan

Major: B.S. in Business Administration – Accounting

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Meet Naoki! This hardworking student transferred to Chico State from Feather River College in Quincy, CA. Naoki intentionally chose to go to this tiny northeastern California town because he knew that immersing himself in an environment where no one spoke Japanese would be the best way to improve his English language skills.

Naoki says he, “Loves to learn languages.” So, why did he choose Accounting as his major? In an Intro to Business course, he saw the phrase, “Accounting is the language of business.” Right then, he knew it was the program for him!

International Students can sometimes feel alone. Naoki says he, “Sometimes felt left out of every single situation.” So, what did he do? He decided to get involved with some clubs in his major and to use his skills to get an on-campus job. These experiences helped him, “Get connected with other students,” where he learned that people share many similarities and struggles. One of his favorite activities has been participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

To help him maintain his very high GPA, Naoki frequently went to the Business Tutoring Center in Glenn Hall. He would sometimes even go every day! Through his campus advisors, he learned about scholarship opportunities. While attending Chico State, Naoki has been awarded many scholarships which have provided significant financial relief for him and his family.

Naoki notes that, “Not everything resulted in my success. I tried and failed sometimes as well.” This is a great life lesson. Even if you don't succeed the first time, or even the second, keep trying! Your hard work and persistence will pay off.