

VOICE OF SPRING

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Spring Alums Reach Their Goals



The Voice celebrates Denver and Littleton Spring International graduates who have achieved their hopes and dreams. Pictured here are **Majed Marzuqi**, Littleton grad, who not only climbed to the top of Mt. Bierstadt with Conversation Partner **M. Paul Miller** but also graduated from Spring International in the Fall and entered Arapahoe Community College Spring semester to continue his studies before university.

“You Gave Me a Gift I’ll Always Treasure”

Dieudonne (Dido) Kalala tells Spring. Dieudonne, originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo, completed Spring Littleton classes in 1996 and continued on to the University of Colorado Denver where he received a B.S. in Information Systems. His next goal was to gain an M.A. from Regis University in Finance and Economics. After several years at Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Dido became married and has four children.

News from Gabon, China, Saudi Arabia

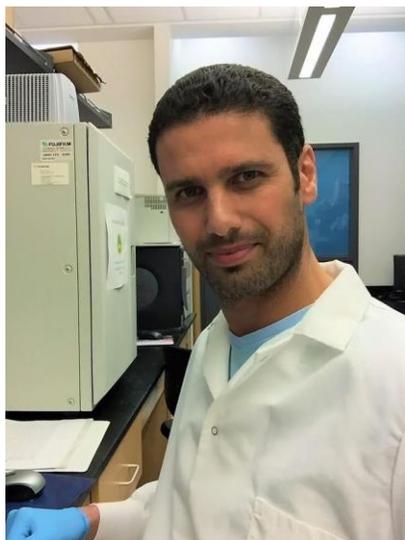
Gabonese student **Ronald Kouna** suffered an eye injury in a soccer match in August causing a torn retina and cataract. He will have surgery in Denver this month. Our best wishes to Ronald for a quick recovery and return to his studies.

Faris Aljurbua, Spring 2011, Graduated from Denver University with degrees in Political Science and International Studies. He is a weekly writer in several Arabic newspapers. **Mohamed AlKhereiji**, Spring 2012, received a Bachelor's in Business from Florida Atlantic University. **Hussain AlQahtani**, Fall II 2011, hopes to graduate with a B.A. in Architecture from University of Colorado Denver in May. He plans to continue for his Master's degree in Denver. **Hind Al-Harbi**, Saudi Arabia, is pursuing graduate study in computer science at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. **Haneen**, who graduated from is teaching art at the University of Jeddah in her home country.

Zerong Dunzhu, Spring grad in August 2015, visited Littleton Spring recently. He had a fun Christmas vacation in Las Vegas, but is hard at work this semester on two degrees in Dentistry.



Libyan Student Receives Doctorate in Neuroscience



Moner Ragas, 2007 Spring Denver grad from :Libya, graduated from the Biomedical Science Program at Wright State University, Ohio, with a PhD in Neuroscience and Psychology. He has been involved in cutting-edge research concerning post-stroke drug treatment and evaluation of motor system functional recovery after an ischemic stroke. He recently joined the College of Pharmacy at Al Ain University of Science and Technology, UAE, as an assistant professor. "I really am enjoying teaching biology to undergrads and continuing my research here."

In a letter to Director Jeanne Hind, Moner wrote, "I am a proud alumnus of Spring International. I still keep my graduation certificate and certificate of excellence. I miss all of the teachers and the wonderful times I had at Tivoli on the Auraria campus." He lived with host family Karen and Eric Sears and hopes to visit them when he travels back to Colorado.

His memories of Spring may trigger other grads thoughts, too. "I still remember everything just like it was yesterday! Katherine with her smiley face carries water (or Coke) to stay hydrated. I learned that habit from he.r by the way. I still remember Kelly, the incredible singe rand guitar player....I remember Heather and her perfect Arabic accent. How about Julie Lamb, Mavis, Nikki, and Laura? Are they still working with you? And how about Karen and Lindsay? They were very supportive and helpful!"

More Denver News from Switzerland, Mali, and Saudi Arabia

Swiss student, **Eduard (Ed) Hindenlang**, Spring 2003, stopped to visit in January. He came to Colorado to surprise his host mom Kathy Ambrosia, whom he has called once a month since living with her. Eduard has three children: Andrin, Glan, and Livio. He hopes he can bring them to the U.S. to study .He continues to play hockey. (Photo at right)

Nathalie Kato, 2014 Spring grad from Mali, just graduated with a double major in Business Management and Marketing from Eastern University. Congratulations, Nathalie.

Ahmed Albkhil, 2013 Spring student from Saudi Arabia, will graduate from Indiana State University this Spring. He plans to start his own business company " to build a safe future."

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