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Go Broncos! Students and Alums Hope for Championship



Spring School students and alums around the world are enthusiastic Denver Bronco fans as the football team fights the Carolina Panthers for the Super Bowl championship Sunday, Feb. 7.

What about you? Do you remember the Broncos from your time in Colorado? Tarek Elfeed, pictured to the left, sent us this photo from Serbia, where he's proudly wearing his Bronco cap. He and his wife Eman are busy finishing a mechanical engineering degree for him and at the last stage of PhD defense for her. They have two children: Hadel, and Soher. "The weather is too cold these days, but without snow," he says. "I'm following the Broncos this season."

Alum News from the Littleton Center

UAE: Faisal Al-Khouri re-connected with his home stay mom, Shirley McMeeking, on his way through Denver to New York.

Gabon: Pasty Mpiga-Tsiba and wife Janessa went back to their home country for a visit last summer. Their second child, a boy, was born in October. They live in Rapid City, South Dakota, where Patsy attends college.

Saudi Arabia: Congratulations to Tarfah who graduated from CU Denver with an MA in Education.

Abdullah AlBuraidi recently transferred from Arapahoe Community College to Regis University where he is studying computer science.

Mohammed AlYami, 2011, is a student in Civil Engineering at CU Denver

Mohammed Bin Madhi, 2010, graduated from Bowling Green University in December in Computer Engineering. His host mom Sharon Duffin tells us that he called to say how much he appreciated his experience at Spring and this host family. He credits his accomplishment of academic success to all of us here in Littleton.

South Korea: Seungmin Oh is thankful to Spring because his English led to his job as a tour guide in Korea.

Democratic Republic of Congo: Joseph Musumbu is studying environmental science in Buffalo, New York. He is the proud father of four children.

We Remember You. Do You Remember Us?

News of Spring in Denver

Thai Student Achieves Her Dreams of Top University

Passakorn Patcharapati, “Fang,” was a straight A student at Spring Denver in 2012. In a recent e-mail to Jeanne Hind, director of the Denver Center, she wrote: “Life and all the classes at Spring changed me a lot!”

Here is her story: “I was 19 at that time and now I’m 22....On my first day at Spring, I took the test and I got level 4 in my English skills. Then I started my class...studied with all my international friends. About two months passed, I heard that I can jump to level 6 if I would like to. I did it! At first I felt a little bit stressed. How about if level 6 is too hard for me? However, I worked hard as I always did, and then I got straight A’s again! Yayyyy!



“After I graduated at Spring, I went back to Bangkok, Thailand. For what? For making my dream come true! If you were a Thai student, you would know that most students really want to study at Chulalongkom University (CU), which is ranked the top university in Thailand in every field. Everyone knows that it’s the best, the hardest, and the top university in Thailand.

That was my dream, too and that’s why I was there at Spring in 2012. Because I am now a third-year student in the faculty of architecture, I ask myself everyday like I’m dreaming. LOL! Thank you Spring for everything! You gave me a lot of good experience for university and I really liked the family [atmosphere} at our school.

A Visitor from 20 Years Ago

Czech Student Now Works as Teacher and Travel Agent

Klara Spinkova-Paulova, who studied at Spring Denver and continued to Metropolitan State University of Denver, is now the mother of two sons. “I am planning to teach English here in my home town, Kolin. Just thought of you and all the teachers we had at the St. Francis [building],” she said. “It was so great for me to learn English with you. I learned so much and so fast.” Not only is Klara busy as a mom, but she also teaches English classes and works with a Czech travel agency.



A Romance That Started at Spring

Sakiko and “Joey” Boonsiripoka met at Spring before graduating in 2000 and going to Community College of Denver. Who could have imagined that they would fall in love, get married and return to visit Sakiko’s home stay mom, Susan Lind, with their two lovely daughters, Konatsu and Saya? They now reside in Thailand, but visit Japan and remain Bronco fans!

***Did you graduate from Spring International Denver?
We need your news. Just write to Connie Shoemaker, connie.s@spring.edu,
and we’ll write about you in the March issue.***



Memories from Past International Days





Voice of Spring is devoted to profiles of former students over the 36 years of our history. Since 1979, Spring International has welcomed students from more than 80 countries. Many of those students continue to communicate with us, either by e-mail or actual visits back to Colorado. We hope this monthly newsletter reminds you of good times at Spring International.

DON'T FORGET! Connie needs your news for the next Voice of Spring. Tell us the year you left Spring, your education after English study, your work or study now, and any family news. connie.s@spring.edu.



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