

# VOICE OF SPRING

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## Graduates from 1989 Visit Spring

### **Camilo Ruiz, Colombia**

"All my friends knew I had the best host family ever," said Camilo Ruiz, who visited his host mother Jean Seago in August. His warm memories of the Seago house included the ducks on the canal behind the house, Jean's good cooking, sitting in her kitchen and doing homework, and family Thanksgiving dinner.

Camilo visited with his wife Alexandra a family lawyer, and his 16-year-old daughter, Isabella, who recently sang on *The Voice* in Colombia. After completing his GED at Spring and further education in Florida and New Mexico, Camilo formed his own company, HidroProb, a hydrostatic testing laboratory, which now has four locations in Colombia and is expanding to Peru. HidroProb employs more than 85 people. The company has contracts with the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, so Camilo makes frequent trips to the U.S.



### **Arie Koon, Netherlands**

A career as a pilot requires excellent English language skills. When Arie Kroon came to Spring International 27 years ago, he already had a background in his native language, Dutch, plus ability in English and Arabic, learned while he was living in the United Arab Emirates. Arie polished up his English and went on to study in Metro State University's four-year aviation program. He is now working for a commercial airline.



### **Congratulations!**

#### **Najla Zarmouh Receives PhD**

August 5 was a special day for Libyan student Najla Zarmouh. She received her well-earned PhD in pharmacology from Florida A&M in Tallahassee. Najla, who graduated from Spring in 2010 is married and has three children. What a success!

# Recent News of Spring Littleton Alums

## Saudi Arabia

**Reem Abdelali**, January 2016 grad, reports that she's working toward a degree at Valparaiso University, Indiana. Congratulations to her and her husband for her second baby, a girl, who was born August 9. Her first child was a Colorado baby, born in Denver.

**Yam AlYami**, 2012 graduate, gained admission with his IELTS score to Minnesota State University in Mankato, to study Construction Management.

**Saad AlWahaib**, 2012 grad, completed a degree in Finance and Accounting at Indiana State University and is currently applying for a job in Saudi Arabia. He came to Littleton in August to visit his host family, Sharon Duffins, and to stop by Spring school.

**Abdulrahman (Dee) AlHarshany**, November 2012 grad, just completed a BS in Civil Engineering at University of Colorado in Colorado Springs. He has travelled throughout the United States.

**Reem Ahmed AlBagshi**, 2012 grad, recently received a BS degree in cardiorespiratory therapy.

## Libya

**Ibrahim Adam**, 2013 grad received a master's degree in Biochemistry from Florida Institute of Technology.



## Lebanon

**Ali Awada**, 1988 grad, is proud of his family, his wife and three daughters, and is also busy with two businesses: Colorado Auto Finders, and Saj Mediterranean Cafes located in Park Meadows, the Streets at Southglenn, and Aurora. Would you believe he also finds time for his hobby of dirt-biking. After completing Spring in 1988 and Arapahoe Community College, where he served as President of the Student Council, he received a degree in International Business and Finance from the University of Colorado Denver.

## Where Are They Now?

**Abulaziz AKudaibii** (left in picture) and **Abdullah AlBuraidi** stopped by Spring to say goodbye to international student advisor Niki Esteve before she retired to have a baby and help manage her husband's business. Spring enjoyed having these two friends just across the street at ACC where they began their studies. Abdulaziz has returned to Saudi Arabia and Abdullah is now studying at Regis University in Denver.



# Recent News of Spring Denver Alums

## *Alums from Costa Rica and Japan Visit Denver Center*



**Jaime Sierra Poveda**, 1992, who studied at Spring 24 years ago, stopped by to say hello to Director Jeanne with his beautiful daughter. Jeanne found a 1992 photo with his classmates and Conversion Partner, below. A younger version but still the Jaime we recognize.



**Mohammed AlBakr** (below), alum from Qatar, is employed in Public Relations for the Qatar Olympic Committee. After graduating in Business at Front Range Community College, he completed a marketing degree at University of Colorado Denver. Did he get to go to the Olympics in Brazil? We think so!



**Satoko Shibato**, (right) a 1999 grad, always stops in to see us when she comes back to visit relatives in

Denver. We loved seeing how her son, Nagi, and daughter Karina, have grown! Soon they will be ready to study at Spring International! Satoko lives in Japan with her husband and family and works from home.





Fans of the Denver Broncos at a tailgate party in the Spring parking lot.

Does a friend or family member need to study English? A special welcome awaits them at Spring. Check out the application information at [www.spring.edu](http://www.spring.edu)

