

President's Commission on Diversity Campus Talk...

Name: *Hyojin Lee*

Grad/Undergrad: *Undergrad*

Year in school: *Senior*

Major: *Social work*

Where are you from? *South Korea*

What inspired you to attend MNSU? *My Korean university contracted with MNSU about dual degree program which is getting two degrees in South Korean and United States. There were several choices in choosing university. I liked the curriculum of social work department in MNSU.*

What do you like about MNSU? *I like gym and library facilities. Those were well established enough to increase students' well-being. I also like professors in MNSU. They were really passionate in teaching and helpful.*

How do you feel now that you are at MNSU? *Feeling is not that different from the first time. Regarding to student life at MNSU, I am satisfied with my current life.*

How do you feel about tuition costs at MNSU? *To be honest, I do not pay my tuition, but my school pays. So, I did not think about the tuition costs deeply. However, it seems that in-state tuition costs for international student is really beneficial. Students can lessen their burden about tuition cost and focus on their studying.*



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Talk about Mankato weather- *I do not like long and cold winter. I like snow, however it is so inconvenient to walk outside due to the slippery road. I like beautiful fall in Mankato area.*

What are the obstacles that you had to overcome to come here? How did you manage? *I had to struggle with my English skill at the first semester at MNSU. Even though I studied English in South Korea, it was still hard to catch up classes and communicate with people in English. So, I tried to talk a lot with people to improve my English skills. I kept tried and studied, nowadays it is much more comfortable using English. Thus, I had a hard time to adjust different food. I started cooking myself and finding American food that I like.*

What is your opinion on various cultures at MNSU? *It is really awesome experience to see various cultures. I could meet many people from all around the world. It was very interesting and meaningful to share different culture.*

What is your opinion regarding diversity at MNSU? *I like the atmosphere at MNSU that people respect diversity. I worried about stereotype or discrimination due to the different race and culture, but people at MNSU were really open-minded about diversity.*

What is your involvement in campus activities? *I am in social work club and Korean Student Association. Thus, I am doing activities in Neman center, Catholic campus church.*

Would you recommend MNSU to others? *Yes.*

Why? *MNSU is a good place to study and tuition cost is way to cheaper than other universities.*

What are your future plans? *I am thinking of applying for OPT to get a job. I want to get some work experience in USA. After that, I am thinking of going to graduate school.*

What is your message for the prospective students at MNSU? *I hope you guys enjoy life at MNSU and achieve things what you expect. Do not miss a good chance to study in the United States. It is more than that you imagine.*