

Being an international student is the #1 reason I would be interested in enrolling in the AIS. Nevertheless, with my knowledge in geography, politics, religions and cultures, I believe that I have the ability to easily open a conversation with an international student, and here are few examples I could demonstrate just by being at EIU for less than two weeks now:

- Discussion of the types of pizzas made in Italy with an Italian undergraduate student, and reasons why *Domino's Pizza* left Italy recently,
- Discussion of the geography of Pakistan, and allocating *Lahor* province on the map of the country with a Pakistani undergraduate student,
- Discussion with students coming from the British-colonized countries in Africa; Ghana and Nigeria.

On my spare time, I love reading about politics and geography, and watch the news to find out the latest happening in the world including the U.S. news. From my perspective, I think that working with the AIS would be a great opportunity for both parties.

If you put me with an international or even an American student with no previous contact, I have the ability with my knowledge skills to open a conversation from scratch and break the ice in-between, that is a skill I believe I could contribute with.

In the past, I have organized plenty of activities back in Libya, one of which was a Knowledge Competition held among the students of the University of Tripoli called "*Terabytes*" that is very similar to the U.S. TV quiz show named "*Jeopardy*".

In addition, I play basketball (with the American pros), cycle (with the French pros), and table tennis (with the Chinese pros), just kidding! I just want to say that I could merge my skills in Sports in these 3 sports with the knowledge that I know about them!

I am 30 years old, crossed 3 continents to take my Masters in Sustainability here, and I would be delighted to make a positive impact in my EIU community.

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