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Interviews with ELC Students

Maram is a student from Saudi Arabia, and she has been in Denver since January. She says that the best way to learn English is to watch English movies or to listen to English songs. Also, reading books every day makes you learn fast. She explains that her language has improved especially at ELC because she has been learning new information and a new academic vocabulary. In addition, the ELC is helping her to develop her writing skills. She thinks that the teachers help if we need help and she called them “guide lines” for us. When she arrived in Denver, she had to face many difficulties. For example, public transportation was very hard because she needed a long time to get used to take the train and the buses. She likes to listen to Arabic music and to watch movies in her leisure time. Moreover, she likes to read books but now she prefers to talk with her family by Skype, when she has free time. She has been living in the United States for one year and 3 months, and she is learning a lot because she is living alone and this makes her a strong girl who has self-reliance.

By: Huda Alsomali

Myriam is from Peru and her native language is Spanish. She is one of the few ELC students that doesn’t speak Mandarin or Arabic as her native language. Myriam is in Advanced High level and this is her second and last quarter in the ELC. Before coming to the ELC, Myriam was attending another English school in Denver, preparing herself to pass the TOFEL but the result was not the one she had wanted since she failed the test. However, her final goal is to attend the Business school here in DU, so Myriam figured out that by completing the ELC levels she can access to that school without passing the TOFEL or any other additional English test. Her dream about attending the Business school at DU will come true in September. Myriam finds that one of the most interesting aspects of studying in the ELC is the variety of people you can meet here. For her, the opportunity of learning English with people that share similar struggles with this language is highly motivating, as she thinks “we can help each other”. Myriam also tells me that, for her, the most challenging aspect of speaking English with American people is that she thinks she speaks too slow for them and they can get bored. Obviously, she says, this doesn’t happen between the students in the ELC and “all of us make effort to understand each other”. Talking about ELC teaching methods, Myriam says that having too much homework is not always helping to learn, since you put your efforts into finishing the tasks instead of focusing on learning. When I asking her about some anecdote or experience she may want to share, Myriam says that the most positive aspect for her is how her listening skills are growing; she is now able to better understand her classmates than she was before! One more thing, her last suggestion is that having a couple of vending machines in our Tower’s building, to buy some snacks would help us to maintain our brains working with some extra sugar.

By: Sandra Bernabe Torres

Yilin is a student from China, and she has been in Denver almost one year. She chose to study English in the ELC because she wants to improve her English quickly, and she will attend the University of Denver after the ELC. She has had a pet cat named XiongXiong since she arrived to the United States, and she loves her pet very much because it’s very cute. If she had the chance, she would have a dog. Also she loves traveling and she has traveled a lot of places in the United States such as Miami, Orlando, Key West, New York and San Francisco. Traveling around the whole world is her final goal.

By: Zeqing Zhao
Interviews with ELC Students

I interviewed my friend whose name is Mengyang Wei, or you can call her Caroline. She comes from China, and she is 18 years old. She came to the U.S. last year. If you were a new student, she would have some advice to give to you. She thinks university is the time to try new things, meet new people, and have new experiences. Be sure to make the best of it with her tips. Firstly, get involved. That means you might be attending school in different city, either way you can afford to expand your interests and meet new people and friends. Secondly, focus on the language. When you come here for the first time, you may worry about the language. Therefore, you should do more practice of English and talk with Americans or people who came from different countries than you. Finally, keep in contact with your family. You should make contacts and friends at the university. This does not mean you should ignore your family who likely supports you, or encourages you. She hopes these tips can help you. By the way, my advice is on the weekend you can go to Cheery Creek Shopping mall. I like to go shopping and I go to this mall once every two weeks. Enjoy your new time in the U.S.

By: Fuqi Li

“I chose to study at the ELC in the University of Denver for many reasons,” said Rayan. The first reason that he said is the location. He likes Colorado because of the weather, and in Colorado, he can do many activities. He likes to go to the Rocky Mountains and ski or ride a horse drawn sleigh in the winter season. Also, he mentioned other activities in the mountains in different seasons, like zip lining and climbing. Moreover, he stated, “The second reason is the ELC is one of the best schools in Denver, and when I researched about it on the internet, I found many people who suggest this school.” He continued by saying he has been studying at the ELC since May 15, 2015. He has met many amazing teachers and students at the ELC, and they helped him to improve his English language because here there are diverse cultures and countries. After he finishes studying English, he will study for a master’s degree in Computer Engineering at the University of Denver.

By: Razan Rawas

Olivia is an ELC student from China, and she has been in Denver about 8 months. She is in the Advanced High level, and this is her last quarter in the ELC. After she graduates from the ELC, she told me that she wants to attend the University of Denver. She wants to choose Hotel Management for her major. She thinks this major is suitable for her because she likes to attend many activities and talk with others. She said, “Hotel Management has more mobility, and it’s a huge market in China.” That is the reason why she chose Hotel Management. About her ELC life, she said that she feels her English skills are developing quickly in the ELC, and her favorite ELC class is Oral Communication Skills. “I love to talk with others, especially different people, you know, the ELC has many different students who come from different countries; here I have good chance to talk with them.” That is the reason why she likes this class. In her free time, she usually stays with her friends. She has made a lot of friends in Denver, and she said she likes to attend activities such as climbing the mountains, go kart racing, and last weekend she participated in the Westword Denver Music Festival. She thinks that the music festival she attended is the most exciting activity in Denver.

By: Liying Wan
The Service Learning Class is the most interesting class at the ELC. This class offers some different activities for all students, such as Culture Fest, Furry Scurry and the Game of Life. Students can learn from this class about social services and find pleasure helping others.

One of the activities is Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity provides an opportunity for students to help homeless people who don't have a place to live to build a house. It is very exciting because we can learn about how to build and interact with others. Last Spring quarter, we went to the construction site and worked with other volunteers. We were divided into different groups to accomplish different tasks. My friend Edward and I were responsible for building the outside of the house; we had to use ladder, boards, and nails. We managed to handle the drill to reinforce the boards on the wall. That was a very difficult thing because we needed one person to hold the board, and at the same time another person used the drill to put screws into the board to reinforce the wall. The board was so heavy! However, when we finished our work, we felt very satisfied.

During this experience, I met two volunteer women in our group who also helped the homeless people build another house. At the beginning, I felt a sense of fear about the ladder, but they always encouraged me. They were very brave! I saw them on the roof with a ladder trying to put a nail in the board. I think they were really committed and I was positively influenced by them, so I overcame my fear and I went on the ladder.

I think the best part of this experience is that I learned how to build a house and to correctly use tools. Because of this experience, I met a lot of volunteers and through the communication, we learned how to work in unity and help each other. Now, I really want to go to built more houses with them again! I hope that my experience makes you feel interested and curious about this activity. I would like to recommend this activity to people who like new experiences and want to join in Habitat for Humanity.
Habitat for Humanity with Service Learning Class
Every spring at DU, Culture Fest is a good way to show diversity. When Culture Fest time comes, you will see a lot of different cultures from everywhere around world converge on Driscoll Student Center to share their food and experiences.

The first thing people need to know is where Culture Fest begins. Driscoll Student Center is a very important place for you to know in DU. You will find help in this place every time you need it. Driscoll Student Center also can support students with different services, programs, facilities and events. More importantly, it is a gathering place for all members of the University community. It has a book store where you can find the textbooks you need for your class. Culture Fest will begin there.
If you walk around when Culture Fest time comes, you will have the chance to try different types of traditional food, such as Asian food, Middle Eastern food, European food, etc; every kind of food has its own style, and almost everything is cooked by DU students. All the food is delicious to try. The most important thing is that there is BBQ, traditionally Chinese food, great tea, and deserts that taste very good. Everyone should try everything, since it all is delicious and the cultural atmosphere is hard to forget.

Culture Fest has different performances such as music and dance from different cultures, and it also has very strong cultural elements in every show. Also, you won’t believe what you see and hear there. Think about this: Have you ever seen a man holding a woman to walk in circles? Have you ever seen a man doing backward somersaults without any help? Also, the performers are students that you might meet again around DU.

Everything around you will be accessible to you, but don’t forget to buy your tickets, which allow you to do everything at Culture Fest. Those tickets are just for your food when you walk around. The most important thing you should know is that with the tickets you buy, you are donating your money. You may not know some people around the world need help, but by doing this, you actually are helping them.
Interviews with University Students

John is a DU student, and his major is International Studies and Spanish. He is an undergraduate student, and he has some suggestions for Freshmen. Reasonable time management and buying a meal plan are good behaviors. Also, he told me that cafeteria food is tasty and nutritious. He chose the University of Denver for many reasons, such as he likes Denver’s weather and hiking with friends. He said he likes photography and purple is his favorite color. In addition, last quarter he was a volunteer for the ELC as a conversation partner. He came to class every week to have discussions with us. After the class, he gave international students several suggestions like taking part in activities on campus and talking with native speakers. It would be helpful to international students.

By: Fangming Shan

“The life of my college is substantial in content compared to the life in ELC.”, said a new student at the University of Denver. Tom has been in Denver for one year and recently graduated from the ELC. The best experience he wants to share is, “because we only focus on language studying in ELC, when you get access to the college courses, you will get to know more information from different courses.” He told me that the University will have more American students in class, even all the class might be American except you. So, you have to learn how to communicate with Americans well in order to fulfill the tasks professors give to you. Meanwhile, the college provides you lots of homework to do, and the words required for an essay may be around 2000-3000. About his University activities, he thinks student activities play an important role in his college life. He said, “I actually didn’t do many activities when studying in ELC, but if you attend to the university, there will be tons of activities waiting for you, and you can do anything you want or are interested in.” In the end, he told us why he chose accounting for his major, because he likes math, he thinks accounting is one of the best majors in University of Denver, and accounting is a profession with huge profits in China.

By: Liying Wang & Zeqing Zhao
FIELD DAY
An Interesting Place to Visit

By: Razan Rawas
July 20, 2016

Washington Park is a big park in Denver, Colorado, and it is a very well known place because it is a tourist destination, and it is a popular place among Denver locals. It was built in 1899. Moreover, it includes many activities, and it is an open place, so you do not need to pay when you enter the park, and you can stay in the park as long as you want. Washington Park has big and long lawns, lakes, and recreation centers that provide various experiences for visitors.

You can do many activities in Washington Park. First, you can bike, and if you do not have a bicycle, there is a center in the park that rents the bicycles. They offer many kinds of bicycles. There are bicycles for one person or a 4 person bike, so if you are alone or with your family or your friends, you will find the best one for you. Secondly, there are interesting activities in the lake, such as paddle boating and fishing. Also, there is a center that rents the paddle boats. Thirdly, the most common activity in Washington Park is volleyball because of its lawns. Moreover, you can do other activities, like jogging and walking because it has a gravel trail, so it is a great place for this. Finally, there are many playgrounds for children, so it is very useful for all family members.

Furthermore, here are some opinions of people who have visited Washington Park. According to Abdelelah Alqahtani, who is one of the students at the ELC that has visited Washington Park several times, “In this park I usually do a barbecue with my friends while we enjoy looking at the lake and ducks.” Moreover, according to Rayan Sharif, who is also one of the students at the ELC, “Many times I have visited Washington Park with my family or with my friends, and we like to do an activity after we have lunch.” Finally, if you are interested in visiting the park, the address is S. Downing St. & E. Louisiana Ave., Denver, CO 80210.
More Than Spectators

By Sandra Bernabe, 7/20/2016

DENVER

If you like going to movies but you really enjoy live spectacles, you are lucky. If, from time to time, you can skip popcorn and commercials, and you want to grasp how the curtain goes up, you are in the right place. In Denver you can find fascinating theater companies that bring us the opportunity of living interesting experiences by participating in, not just watching, real masterpieces.

The involvement of attending one of the limited occurrences of a play is always unique. You are in front of actors or actresses that, every single time, have to face the challenge of touching both your emotions and your intellect. They are there to connect to you, to make you feel, laugh, think... and you are there to participate with your reactions. People on the stage are really exposed; they are creating something new and exclusive for their audience. Every play is just unrepeatable and exclusive, so that only happens once in a life. This is the kind of experience that people deserve to be part of and share.

As students of the ELC, we also have the opportunity of practicing our English listening skills by being immersed in particular and stimulating stories. Also, for being students, we can get discounts when buying the tickets.

In Denver, we can find several options to enjoy these exceptional experiences and, additionally, collaborate with small, non-profit and independent companies formed by enthusiastic professionals. I have loved every single play I have watched. Actors are more than amazing and topics are beyond refreshing, so I want to encourage you to participate in something memorable. Here are my recommendations:

• Buntport Theater Company is an energetic group of collaborators that work on the whole creation process of their pieces. They have numerous awards and the recognition of the critics and public. Their pieces are always intelligent, irreverent, thought provoking and funny. The theater is located in Santa Fe Art District, 717 Lipan St. Denver. You can check the program for the oncoming season in their website. http://buntport.com/

• The Bug Performance and Media Arts Center was created for artists that find their inspiration in the “spirit of artistry”. These professionals develop unique productions that look to shake their audience with particular and innovative viewpoints. The website is bugtheatre.info/ and the location of the theater is at 3654 Navajo St, Denver.

• The Edge Theater is a company committed with the education and entertainment of their audience. Their members offer a creative and diverse environment open to all types of audiences. The theater is at 9797 W Colfax Ave, Denver. You can check the program of the current season on their website: theedgetheater.com.

• The Oriental Theater is a perfect choice if you want to enjoy live music, comedy shows or art exhibitions. It is a lovely place located in the Highlands district that also offers options for food and drinking. Find its location at 4335 W 44th Ave, Denver and check its wide program on theorientaltheater.com.
The Most Popular Mall in Denver

By: Huda 07/21/2016

Cherry Creek is the best mall for families and singles. It has a lot of things to do. According to the Wikipedia website, this place was built and opened in 1990. It has many types of stores, entertainment, dining and it has more than 160 shops and restaurants.

According to the Cherry Creek Website, Cherry Creek has many high-quality stores, such as Aldo, which is especially for high-quality fashion. Hanna Anderson sells pure cotton. Brook Brothers is famous because it has American style and you can find quality, unique personal service. These stores are the most popular and most common in American society.

Cherry Creek also has stores for books, cards, and gifts. For example, Go Games Toys & Books has many kinds of books and an amazing collection of toys. Papyrus is a place “for celebrating life and all its moments.” Bath and Body Works is good and used for personal care and home fragrance, which offers a good quality products. These are the kinds of stores you will not see in other malls together, which makes Cheery Creek very special.

Cherry Creek provides services, for instance, AT&T is the leader in telecommunication services, including cellphones. Most Americans use it. Also, they sell drives and has a lot other services. Verizon Wireless is another option for you for network services. Also, there is an Apple store that is very popular and useful for computers and cellphones.
Entertainment is special at the Cherry Creek Mall. It has a large place for children to play with rubber toys and around that place there are chairs and tables to let parents sit. Also, there is Haagen Dazs ice-cream near to this place. Moreover, the AMC Cherry Creek is a movie theater and it has 8 screens and it shows 5 movies every week and some of the movies have 3D glasses. There is also an event that starts May 7th and will end on Oct 29th which is Cherry Creek Fresh Market. It is open on Wednesday from 9 am to 1pm and on Sunday from 8 am to 1 pm. According to the Cherry Creek website, “This shop has over 70 Colorado framers and dynamic vendors offering fresh fruits and vegetables, and fragrant flower”.

Dining is most important thing for most people who walk a lot in the mall and there are many restaurants, like California Pizza Kitchen and Cherry On Top frozen yogurt, which has 40 toppings for your yogurt. Also, there are two Starbucks, which are located on the East and West sides of the mall, a Panda Express, which have Chinese food, and Renzi, which has high-quality Greek food. These are the best choices for you if you are new and not familiar with other kinds of food.

How to Get There

Cherry Creek’s address is 300 E 1ST Avenue, Denver, CO 80206 and if you don’t have a car, you can go there by bus. There are 2 busses that go there: 83L civic station bus and 46 cherry creek bus.
People who first arrive in Denver for study and work always want to buy some new clothes and find delicious restaurants. Park Meadows is the biggest shopping center in Colorado. There are couture shops, restaurants and a movie theater. People can buy clothes that have a style and the brands they like. Also, most people like to go to Park Meadows because it is not just one building. It is an open market, and people can shop around the mall. Park Meadows's location is 8401 S Park Meadows Center Dr, Lone Tree, CO 80124, and its contact is +1-303-792-2533. If people drive there from Denver, they just need thirteen minutes, and people can take the E line to County Line Station. It will take about one hour.

Level 1: American Girl, Ann Taylor, Anthropologie, Apple Store, Arhaus Furniture, Armani Exchange, Art of Shaving, The...
Level 2: Abercrombie & Fitch, ALDO, All About Hair, Bank Of The West, Ben Bridge Jeweler, Claire's, Clarks, Coach...
TAILORED SUITS FOR CUSTOMERS
This is a special store that tailors suits for customers. As we know, it is difficult for Asian people in the United States to buy suitable clothes, particularly males. Therefore, Men’s Wearhouse is the best choice for males. People can choose their favorite suit according to their height, weight, material and color. It has professional associates to help people to find a satisfying style, although it will take some time.

TAKE A BREAK AT PARK MEADOWS
According to The White Chocolate Grill website, “Whether it’s an afternoon snack, a hot cup of coffee or a relaxing meal with friends or family, take a break to recharge, refuel and indulge in a variety of dining options.”
This is the most popular restaurant in Park Meadows. It has good service and amazing food. My favorite dessert is White Chocolate Brownie. It is made of fresh soft cake with chocolate, and French vanilla ice cream. Another popular food is Balsamic Ribeye! The steak had a great taste with vegetables. There are fries and mashed potatoes with gravy. The gravy is always delicious. Therefore, when people walk around the mall, this restaurant is best choice to relax.
http://whitechocolategrill.com/

THE BEST STORAGE STORE
When people come to a new place to live, they need to sort out clothes and debris. The Container Store will help people to clean their house. For example, a cosmetic storage box is very necessary for girls because they might have more than ten lipsticks and have no place to put them. Here you can find a special lipstick storage box and a comprehensive storage box. Additionally, there are different sizes of boxes to sort out clothes. Underwear is always the hardest to sort out, so people always want to tidy them up. The Compartment Drawer Organizer is very useful to tidy them up. I believe that a lot of type A personalities will like this store.

To sum up, Park Meadows is a wonderful shopping center, and there are diversified forms of entertainment. Therefore, people can always buy what they want to buy.
“I choose to work with international students because it is my way to engage with other cultures,” said Professor Liz Collier. She has a PhD in linguistics. She has been teaching since 2007, and she has been a teacher at the ELC for two years. She has been married for almost 30 years, and she has two children, a son and a daughter. They have a dog that is 5 years old. When we talked about things she likes to do outside the ELC, she said swimming, walking, and hiking. Collier is a Teaching Assistant Professor, so she teaches more credit bearing classes. In addition, she went to Italy and she taught two children English. Her advice to students is to read a lot in order to develop their language.

By: Ala Aboemarah

Irina has been an English language teacher at DU for six years. She gave international students some suggestions about how they can improve language. She explains that the best way is to go to the county that speaks the language that you need to learn. Also, you can live with a host family and be open to all the opportunities that community represents. She likes to be alone in her free time to watch movies, take walks and read romantic and historical books. In addition, she likes to do some exercise and hiking with her dog. She speaks English and Russian fluently, and she studied French, German and Spanish. She says that learning language would be easier if your first language and the other language you learn are similar, for example, English and Spanish. She thinks the biggest achievement that she has done is raising a baby who was two months old and taking her master’s degree at the same time.

By: Huda Alsomali & Fangming Shang

I interviewed Melinda with my partner. Melinda has five family members: mother, father, elder sister, younger brother and son. She often swims, bicycles, reads and listens to music when she has free time. Sometimes, Melinda likes to listen to rock and classic music. Melinda is an English teacher at the ELC. In her life, she has taught English in four other countries outside the US. Then, she told us it is interesting to work with international students because she likes to know what happened in the other parts of the world and know about new cultures. When we talked about the homesickness, she said that she had a similar experience because she has taught abroad and she hopes to help the international students to engage with the American culture. Also, she told us about teaching English abroad and her relationship with the Moroccan coworkers. Finally, she thinks the new students at the ELC should try to visit many places and try to participate in some activities in Denver, and she thinks the new students should complete master degree.

By: Fuqi Li & Ala Aboemarah
Interviews with DU Faculty, Staff & Administrators

James Darney is the Assistant Director of the ELC. She is not originally from Denver but two years ago she came on vacation and she liked Colorado so much that she decided that it could be a nice place to live, since it is also a middle point, considering that her family is located along both the East and the West coasts. James has her Bachelor degree in History, and Law and English Linguistics are her applied areas. She has been an English teacher for a long time. She has taught English in several places like New Mexico, Chicago, Peru, and Morocco, just mentioning some of them. Talking about her experience abroad, she tells us that it is very convenient for English teachers to have these kinds of experiences abroad and also to know, at least, a second language. When we ask her about what kind of advice she would give to the ELC students that face the challenges of learning a second language, James makes an initial point explaining the differences between what students learn in class and out of the class. She says that the work in class is only 50% of the work that students need to accomplish here, in the US. She highly recommends to speak in English, to read in English, and to experience the culture as an essential part of the learning process. James encourages students to work by themselves when they are not attending classes. Because of that, the second advice she gives to us is to focus on vocabulary as the kind of activity that students can do on their own, working on pronunciation and by using the words multiple times. James recognizes that there are differences between students that come from China, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, or Korea. She tells us that phonetics, pronunciation, and grammar of our native languages are always conditioning our learning process. Pointing out the diversity of students in the ELC, James concludes that we are participating in a good learning environment. When we ask her about her new role she describes some of the multiple activities she is performing as Associate Director, such as orientation advice, working on programs for the ELC students and in programs with other schools, hiring people, training teachers, participating in mental health activities for students, and taking care of books availability. Moving on to a different question, we talked about how students coming from different countries can impact the situation at the classes. James speaks openly about the fact that we are “bringing the world into one classroom”. She mentions that we are students with different religions, cultures, and values and that we need to interact in a positive way. Consequently, teachers are responsible for providing guidelines to deal with some of our differences and being part of a community in the ELC. James points out we are experiencing the globalization as ELC students and we must be careful and open. As she says, there are people that will never have the opportunity of being part of this diversity.

To the question about what is next in the ELC, James responds that they are actually working on how to involve more student’s families to facilitate the engagement of both students and their families. Besides this, they are also working on social media platforms to ensure there is a place to keep students, teachers, and staff connected and part of a community. Our last question gives James the opportunity to tell us why she is so proud of working in the ELC. “Counting the blessings” she talks about the diversity of students, the facilities we enjoy, and the incredible location of the ELC in the city of Denver. But the thing she is really proud of is the amazing group of teachers that work here and how motivated they are to make possible one of the best programs in the US.

By: Sandra Bernabe Torres & Razan Rawas
Mobile Apps Help International Students in Denver

By Ala Aboemarah

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Being an adult is complicated in too many ways, especially when you are 18 years old. You start to think about future issues, such as finding a job, having a family, and the most important thing is to start studying. A huge number of students decide to take a big step and travel to study in the universities in US for their good reputation and to get the best knowledge from highly educated teachers and doctors. I was, and still am, one of those students who left everything behind to start a new educational life.

I traveled from the kingdom of Saudi Arabia to study at the University of Denver in Colorado. At the beginning, I used to ask people about too many things, like good restaurants, safe neighborhoods, transportation, and almost everything. Then, one of my friends advised me to check out some mobile applications that can really help me and make my life easier. Each application focuses on a specific field of the US market, for example Yelp is an application for food and deserts, Trulia is application for real estate, and Uber is one of the best transportation applications.
One of my favorite applications is Trip Advisor. It is the world’s largest travel application and website, which helps travelers to plan and book their trips. The application provides advice from millions of travelers with a wide variety of travel choices and planning features. Also this application is connected to the top booking applications to provide a price comparisons between them to find the best hotel prices. As mentioned on the Trip Advisor official website, "This application is considered the largest travel community in the world, reaching 340 million unique monthly visitors, and 350 million reviews and opinions covering more than 6.5 million accommodations, restaurants and attractions. The site operates in 48 markets worldwide."

I choose my restaurants, indoor and outdoor activities, and attractive places to visit from the Trip Advisor app https://www.tripadvisor.com/. This is the official site, where you can download the app to your mobile phone and start using it. If you type the world "Denver" on the application, you will get an overview about it, and places to stay, map with locations, restaurants, parks, sights, landmarks, museums, concerts, tours, shopping, and a lot more in Denver.
Find Your Favorite Food
By Fuqi Li

Nowadays, people often can’t find restaurants they like. In this case, I would suggest an application which can help people to search for their favorite foods. The application is Yelp, and it was set up by Jeremy Stoppelman in 2004 in Delaware. Yelp is easy to use, and it suits everyone. If people want to get Yelp, they can just download Yelp on their smart phone. Yelp has a lot of functions about finding restaurants and has a lot of information about restaurants. If people use Yelp, they will see lots of necessary information such as locations, phone numbers, menus and comments.

First of all, customers can make reservations by Yelp. This function is convenient for people, because some restaurants are too popular, and people often need to queue up for a few minutes or even hours. Sometimes, people want to reserve a table at restaurant, but they don’t know phone number of restaurant. So, people can use Yelp directly to find the phone number, and call them to reserve.

Secondly, Yelp can help people get food delivered. People who don’t have free time or don’t want to go outside to find food, can use Yelp to help them get the restaurant to send food to their home.

Moreover, yelp has GPS, which is the location function. This function can help people to easily find the location of restaurants. Also, the function can help people to find other places like bars, Cafés, gas stations and drugstores. Furthermore, it involves all of the functions of map applications.

Finally, people can comment on any restaurant, and others can see these comments. It can help people to choose the dishes, because every comment is someone's personal experience. People can use these comments to think about what kind of food they want to order before they go to the restaurant.
The mission of the English Language Center (ELC) is to support the goals of the University of Denver by preparing English Language Learners with the necessary communicative and cultural competencies to be successful members of DU and other US institutions of Higher Education.

The ELC program offers five levels of intensive academic ESL classes, as well as a graduate preparation (GPP). In each level, students work on reading, writing, listening, speaking, and grammar skills.

Each year, the ELC has four 9-week quarters:
Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer.