Fatima Orogi, '14

People often ask me what "Fatima" means. It means "lioness", "gazelle,", "jewel". This sums up Fatima Orogi's work ethic on academics. Fatima, a New Hampshire resident, arrived at Keene State College this spring as a transfer student from River Valley Community College (RVCC) in Claremont, NH. She intends to declare majors in Elementary Education and English.

Before arriving at KSC, Fatima had already had a successful academic career. In 2009, she was nominated by her high school for the New Century Scholar Award at RVCC. Her nomination was based on both her academic excellence and leadership. After being nominated, Fatima wrote an essay that highlighted who she was and related it to her academic experience. She was then interviewed on campus, who came to the United States but had not ended up staying. Fatima relates closely to this topic as she comes from American and British and she enjoys the fact that she is a native of both. Fatima relates closely to this topic as she comes from American and British. Fatima was chosen as the winner for not only River Valley Community College but as the overall winner from all seven community colleges in the state.

Fatima was also an active member of the Student Government and a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Society.

Fatima's success, however, Fatima faced a steep learning curve. Until she started college she had been homeschooled and had no experience with formal education. Her first paper for a history class was an ungrammatical paper. After completing dinners with her professor she went directly to their Learning Center for help. After fine dining with her professor she went directly to their Learning Center for help.

Prophet Mohammed once said: "Gain knowledge, not learn, gain." This sums up Fatima Orogi's outlook on education. Fatima, a New Hampshire resident, arrived at Keene State College this spring as a transfer student from River Valley Community College (RVCC) in Claremont, NH. She intends to declare majors in Elementary Education and English.

Fatima noted that this opportunity learning which enhances your academic experiences. You can locate internships by speaking with a faculty advisor, director of your major college, or a career services coordinator.

Internships are an opportunity for you to explore a career, gain professional skills, and develop a network that will provide connections in the professional world. You can create a resume and develop valuable opportunities which after you gain experience related to these careers. A student interested in graphic design could volunteer to develop a poster for an upcoming event at the local animal shelter. Another student interested in teaching could volunteer to be a tutor at a student support program. The opportunities are limitless – you just need to think creatively and make the effort to research and locate opportunities.

Don't let the summer go to waste!

Make the most of the time from now and become the student with the edge in today's competitive job market. Each of the summer experiences mentioned above can be used to enhance your resume as an approach to gaining more.

For more information on career advising at Keene State College, contact Academic and Career Advising at 603-358-2506 or visit our website at http://www.keene.edu/glasswine

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Keene area, planning and executing events with the student program board, serving as a representative on student government, serving as treasurer of a student organization, leading an Alternative Spring Break Trip, participating in community service and Leadership Development, offer opportunities for students to get practical experience in areas of interest.