

## The Student Files

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Being a college student in the United States is much tougher than I expected before I left Japan.

But my studies motivate me — I challenge myself to achieve higher grades. Without chanting, no matter how much I study I make mistakes and fail to get the scores I want.

I enjoy learning and making friends on campus. It is sometimes very hard to start talking about my religion, though, because many of my friends are either not interested in religion or have strong religious beliefs already.

I've explained my practice using what SGI President Ikeda has taught me in his dialogues.

I'm a sophomore this year. I will be graduating from this school at the end of this year with an associate degree, but I want to continue studying in the United States. I might go on to a four-year college.

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