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Carlos Alonso: Discovering New Technologies

Degree Program: Game Development and Simulation & Visualization

Carlos Alonso, a native of Guatemala, graduated from the Game Development bachelor's degree just as the Simulations & Visualization bachelor's program was launching. Furthering his interest in how code and machines interact with each other, he enrolled and was initially the only student in the new degree program.

Because of this, Carlos' instructors tailored the curriculum so that it would run more like an independent study course. He worked on projects with the guidance of program instructors and had access to a fabrication lab utilizing tools such as 3D printers, laser cutters, and injection molding machines. Carlos' knowledge and individualized training landed him a position as a mentor in the program helping incoming students make the most of their experience.

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Pemika Assawasoponkul



Dishing Up Fresh Fusion

Entertainment Business Grad

Co-owner and manager of KrungThep Tea Time Pemika Assawasoponkul was inspired by her family and home country when she founded her unique restaurant, located in the Winter Park area near Full Sail. A native of Thailand, KrungThep is a commonly used name by locals for its capital city of Bangkok.

The restaurant features dishes inspired by Thai cuisine with new and unique twists. Menu items include takes on grapow chicken, tom yum soup, and "brick toast," a popular treat with toppings such as Nutella and fruit. Pemika credits the knowledge she gained from her degree to the success of the restaurant, which has gained acclaim within Orlando's diverse dining scene.

From Bollywood to Hollywood

Degree Program: Film

Originally from Mumbai, India, Mohamed started his career in India as an assistant casting director. His first taste of an American production was his work on *Eat, Pray, Love*. He was inspired by how the crew worked together and decided to give his career a fresh take by enrolling at Full Sail. Mohamed got the break he dreamed of when his Career Development advisor tipped him off to a feature being filmed in New Orleans in need of a unit production manager. Since then, Mohamed has worked on shows such as *Into the Badlands* and the upcoming James Franco film *Future World*.



Mohamed Saad Mansoor



25 Grads Worked on Telemundo's "Yo Soy El Artista"

Telemundo's hit show *Yo Soy El Artista* is a reality music competition that highlights undiscovered performers from the Latin community. The show is filmed on the Universal Studios backlot in Orlando, Florida, and features over 40 members from Full Sail who worked behind the scenes – from production jobs to post-audio.



Watch Azadeh's story at youtube.com/FullSail.

Azadeh Iranban

Computer Animation Grad

Azadeh Iranban isn't afraid of taking risks. After high school, she decided to study multimedia art – and was expelled from her university after creating an animation that was critical of her home country of Iran. After researching programs, Azadeh discovered Full Sail University – first enrolling in ESL and then into Computer Animation. Her future goals include being the first woman to win an Oscar for computer animation and representing women in a field where she feels they are underrepresented. Azadeh's advice to new students is to take advantage of all of the available knowledge from classes and instructors. "Pick their brains and try to do as much as you can while you're here," she suggests.

Student Artwork Feature

For more student work, visit artoffullsail.tumblr.com.

Daniela Sora from Colombia: Digital Arts and Design

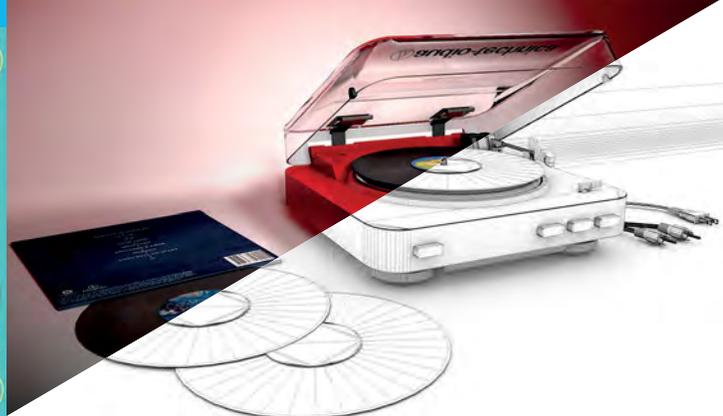


Jesus Montilla from Venezuela: Digital Arts and Design



Daniela Sora from Colombia: Digital Arts and Design

Katia Arnaud from France: Digital Arts and Design



Tips on College Life in Florida

1 Budgeting: Moving to another country for school means budgeting for all of your necessities. You'll need to allocate funds for living expenses such as rent, utilities, food, and transportation. It is recommended that you keep track of your expenses via a spreadsheet so you can establish a personal budget.

2 Food: While dining in different parts of the world can be inexpensive, going out to eat in the States can sometimes cost double what someone would pay in their home country. Learning to cook at home and exploring the Orlando area's multicultural markets can make eating more cost effective.

3 Academic Honesty: Educational systems in the United States have strict policies about plagiarism, which is the act of copying another peer's ideas or work and presenting the material as your own. If you are unsure if you are making a mistake or plagiarizing, ask one of your instructors for help or clarification to avoid being accused of academic dishonesty.

4 Support: Missing friends and family after moving away is something that both international and domestic students may experience at some point. The International Student Society is an on-campus support system for students who want to connect with peers from other countries or their home country. The group often hosts events and meetings where they share stories and food as a way to bond with fellow students.

For more tips and future event information, check out FSblog.com

Applying for a Nonimmigrant Visa

An important step in your educational journey to the United States is applying for an F-1 student visa.

F-1 status requires students or family members of students provide financial documentation proving that there are sufficient funds for studies and living expenses during the student's approved time in the States. Students are also required to submit letters of intent to return to their home country upon completion of their program.

Once proper documentation and bank statements have been provided, an interview with a consular officer will be scheduled. The nature of this interview is to assure the consulate that studying abroad will be beneficial to the student upon return to their home country. Students seeking to remain in the United States after graduation have the option of applying for OPT or a specialty visa known as the H-1B.

Full Sail's International Team is available to answer questions about enrolling as an international student.



Freelancing and Making Friends

Nha Le: Computer Animation Grad

Vietnam native Nha Le started her educational journey in Seattle studying Game Design. Her move to Seattle led to the realization that she wasn't happy in the field she had chosen, and one of her instructors suggested that she look into Full Sail. Because Nha changed her track from Game Design to Film, she spent the majority of her time learning and researching about the film industry. After graduation, the connections Nha made through her time at Full Sail helped her find opportunities at companies such as Luma, Pixomondo, Digital Domain, and Sassoon. "Just be nice to everybody," she advises. "Don't be too shy to have a conversation, and don't be afraid to ask questions."



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