

WHY CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

The moment I took a view book of Connecticut College from Trang Nguyen of Class '2005, I knew I had found the destination for my next 4 years. To me, Connecticut College is not a highly reputed and Vietnam-welcome institution, but way much more than that.

My two dreams meet at Connecticut College. I am always fascinated by the fact that every living and thinking creature is consisted of inanimate chemical molecule. Studying chemistry brought me a chance to thoroughly learn about the formation of life on earth, the topic on which I have made some small research projects. This is so interesting to me that I decide to major in biochemistry in college. However, I have another great affection for the media industry. Never wasting any occasion to try in this field, I became a host for the school's radio program called "Voice of Ams" and a collaborator in a TV show for children named "Fun Science". Working as a broadcaster attracts me because it requires creativity and always challenging. Though I had been pondering about my future career for a year, wondering which job is more suitable for me, a biochemistry doctor or a broadcaster, I couldn't make the final determination simply because I loved the both professions equally. Connecticut College is a perfect place for me to combine the work of a scientist and a broadcaster because it offers the student-designed interdisciplinary major. From what I learned from Trang Nguyen '05 and Linh Vu '07, Connecticut College has very small class and very wonderful teachers, always willing to help students either in class or outside the class. With low faculty: student ratio and excellent research opportunities with teachers like Teach Away/Study Away trips, Connecticut College offers a great bridge between professors and

students. More over, constantly holding high position at the top tier of US News rank for Liberal Art Colleges, Connecticut College has proved its rigor academic quality. Among the best departments at Connecticut is the Chemistry department, where many superb award-winning professors are working, such as professor Bruce R. Branchini and professor Marc Zimme. Therefore, studying Bio-chemistry at Connecticut is promisingly interesting. Besides, I regard studying at The Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology and Roth Writing Center at Connecticut College as the best preparation to work in media. For these reasons, I have the premise to believe if I come to Connecticut College, I will successful conduct a famous science TV show on Discovery Channel someday.

Extra-curricular are very important in my life. Had it not been for these non-academic activities in high school, I wouldn't have been so self-confident and dynamic. Being president of the Student Organization of Hanoi – Amsterdam High School, I have experienced many shapes of happiness. I always remember the incredible cheeriness when seeing 4.5 millions dongs raised in 2 days after my presentation the about the plight of dioxin-affected kids at Hoa Binh village in front of all students and teachers, on which I spent almost a week to prepare. I can still sense the surge of pride when unexpectedly hear somebody discussing Miss Ams 2005 contest, the event I dedicated all my energy to realize from the plans my friends and I had been long nurtured. I feel blissful when a schoolmate pats my shoulder and gives me a smile or shout my name when I pass by. It's the outside-class activities that have brought me close to the rest of my school, making my high school time unforgettable. At Connecticut College, I expect to continue pursuing these activities that have played such a large role in the formation of my personal traits. Connecticut College stands out with hundreds of club and organizations and a well-known democratic

environment that permit students to actively develop potential abilities. I cannot wait to visit Cummings Arts Center to attend some music class, or go wave surfing for the first time in Atlantic Ocean, or apply for a place at the WCNI radio station.

Connecticut College is a perfect home for international students. As I can't come back home every weekend, or even every month, my college will be my second home. The fact that Connecticut College has been so thoughtful about international students' lives that you offer us the Host Family Program, pairing international students with local families really moves my parents and me. Additionally, after I learned more through the website about diversity clubs at Connecticut College, such as ATLAS and I-Pride, I become confident that my diverse background will be respected and valued at Connecticut College and hence my contribution will be more meaningful and significant. Here, and now, Connecticut College is my paramount desire, and I am trying my best to show Connecticut College that I'm worth a chance.