

The Blue Camel, standing on its own ground among Lions, Bears or Eagles, first attracted me to Connecticut College. But after spending many hours on the school, I become aware that the Camel - what I always consider the symbol of virtues, adaptability and vitality, is just the beginning of many exciting opportunities that await me ahead.

Upon entering Conncoll, I intend to major in Economics. Offering two courses on Vietnamese economy and an annual SATA program in Vietnam, the Economics department at Conncoll will open my eyes on many new perspectives on my home country. And with second major on International Relations, I hope to increase the mutual understanding between Vietnam and other cultures, at Conncoll. My friends and my teachers will have the chance to enjoy Vietnamese and my country's culture at Knowlton Language House, and explore these things firsthand with my guide in the SATA Vietnam. Vice versa, I will also be able to get a better view of American life at the House, with the help of ATLAS and of my host family.

However, willing to challenge myself with multi-dimensional education, I will never limit myself within the two majors. I have a lot more to discover at the Conncoll: Human Development, Gender&Women's Studies or Sociology, debates and interaction with other students and prominent professors, and hands-on experiences with PICA and CISLA. Should I gain admission to Conncoll, my intellectual will be challenged to strive for the best.

What makes Conncoll even more appealing to me is the caring and supportive environment. The Message Board and the "Ask a CC Student" have created an effective link between

prospective students, especially us international students, and the school. And I was profoundly moved when Ms. Quynh Trang, my interviewer, told me that professor Peppard, whose passion for Vietnam I've admired, though busy with his teaching and research, still took time to get to know me, a Vietnamese student. At Conncoll, I will never feel far from home, yet close to knowledge and wisdom.

And so, everything turns to be a desire. That is the desire to go to Conncoll, to continue explore the school's many other things besides the academic programs and friendly environment, the desire to thrive on "rivers of waters" and to bring ripe fruits to the "global society". And it's Connecticut College that will make my desire come true.