

Hiren Suraiya – achievements in his college

I have finished my first year at Oxford College of Emory University and I am excited to update you on all things that I've done since leaving CIRS.

During my first semester, I was selected to serve as a member on the college's Conduct Board. Being one of the 19 students selected, my position entailed hearing cases that have been considered a violation of the University's Code of Conduct, voting on the responsibility of each student and assigning sanctions to those who have been found responsible. For the next academic year I have been assigned to serve on a higher board that deals with the most severe violations. I also served as a member on the International Student Advisory Board and the Student Government Association's Public Safety Committee.

I auditioned and was chosen to act in a Shakespeare play, Fair Em, put up by Oxford Ensemble of Shakespearean Artists. During the Spring semester, I was on the executive board for the Photography Club and served as the club's Treasurer. I have been elected as the President of the Photography Club of the next academic year.

During spring break, I participated in the Alternative Spring Break program. The program is organized and executed solely by students and it involves volunteering for a specific social cause for the entire break. I spent 10 days in Knoxville Volunteering at organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, KARM, Project Live and Beardsley Community Farm to fight issues dealing with Poverty. The experience was extremely fruitful and eye-opening.

My grade for the Fall semester was among the top 7% of my class. I was inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma national honor society which is the highest form of award given to freshmen at our college. I have also been selected as the Vice President of Finance for the executive board of Emory University's Chapter of Phi Eta Sigma. My GPA has also enlisted me on the college Honor List and the Alpha Epsilon Upsilon honor society.

For the next academic year I will also be serving as a Resident Assistant. The position one of the biggest leadership roles on campus and it requires extensive training. My responsibilities include being in charge of an entire dormitory hall and being a resource to the residents, enforcing college policy, planning monthly events for my residents and assisting in emergency situations among several other duties.