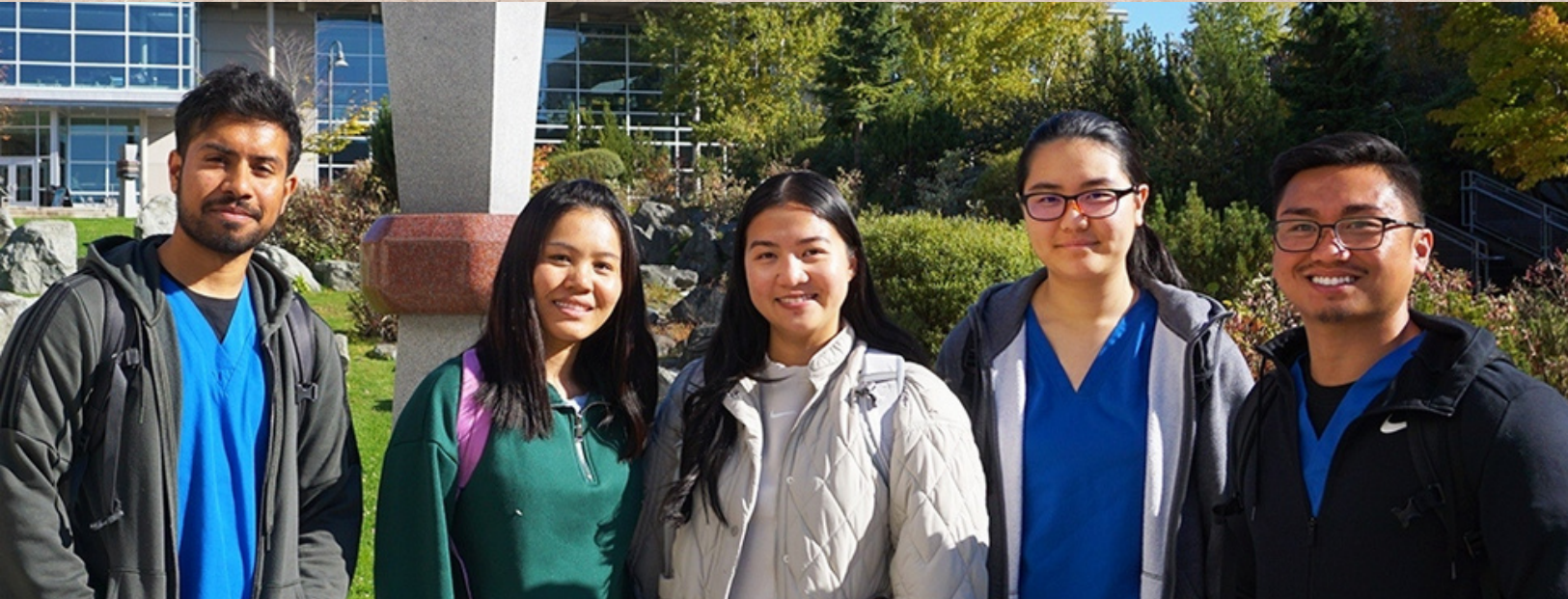

 RCSW STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE INTRODUCES:

HIGHLINE



COLLEGE

<https://respiratory.highline.edu/>



ALL ABOUT HIGHLINE

Highline is a BAS Respiratory Care Program that offers extensive lab practice and clinical experience to prepare students for a career working as an RRT. Our simulation lab also provides opportunities to engage in realistic scenarios under our professor's guidance before we find ourselves in those situations with real patients. The focus at Highline is teamwork,

communication, and encouragement to grow into the Respiratory Care profession, which you can see fostered in each cohort. We are also fortunate enough to have professors that endeavor to make the challenging courses fun! Whether that's respiratory nerd jokes or skits to illustrate disease processes, Highline is dedicated to fostering the next generation of RTs.



UPCOMING RESPIRATORY EVENTS

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

1 Scholarship Due March 1, 2024:

<https://www.warcf.org/>

3 Scholarships Due June 1, 2024:

<https://arcfoundation.org/how-we-give/student-awards/>



DATE: APRIL 21, 2024 -> APRIL 23, 2024

TIME: 8:00 AM -> 6:00 PM

LOCATION: DOUBLETREE IN SEATAC, WA

INTERVIEW WITH A STUDENT

JUNIOR AND RT CLUB VICE PRESIDENT DIYA FARAJ FROM HIGHLINE COLLEGE

What was your favorite clinical experience?

My standout clinical experience occurred at Valley Medical Center, the environment is warm and there is camaraderie amongst the staff creating an inviting atmosphere. Beyond the friendly culture, what truly impressed me was the hospital's commitment to staff well-being, offering amenities such as a gym, free parking, and even phone-sanitizing UV devices. This environment not only enhanced my learning but also reflected the hospital's dedication to both patient care and employee satisfaction. From engaging with patients to witnessing medical procedures, every aspect of my time at Valley Medical Center contributed to a fulfilling and educational experience.

What was something that surprised you about respiratory care?

I was pleasantly surprised by the multitude of career paths available to respiratory therapists, particularly in the realm of government jobs. One day in class, my professor shared an intriguing anecdote about receiving a call from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) inquiring about a student applying for a position.

This revelation opened my eyes to the unexpected diversity of opportunities within respiratory care. It's fascinating to discover the range of roles and settings where our skills as respiratory therapists can be applied, showcasing the dynamic nature of the profession.

What do you want to pass on to future cohorts in respiratory care?

I would impart some advice to upcoming cohorts in respiratory care, underscoring the transformative nature of this program. As they put in the hard work to successfully navigate the mental, physical, and emotional challenges, they'll discover a reservoir of resilience within themselves. Completing this program not only signifies their ability to overcome obstacles but also positions them for future success, including the pursuit of advanced degrees in the medical field. The journey may be rigorous, yet the sense of accomplishment and the boundless opportunities it opens up make it a stepping stone to further achievements in their medical careers. The sky truly is the limit.

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HIGHLINE COLLEGE STUDENT POINT OF VIEW

As the Fall Quarter ends, we are in the middle of ramping up the Highline RT Club for the first time since the pandemic! This has become quite the challenge, most notably due to the intense schedules that all respiratory students keep. Our goals are to provide an opportunity for all the cohorts to connect, take advantage of the resources our school allots to clubs, and provide support for students going through the program. Lots of ideas are pouring in - now we just need to delegate and let the planning begin!

Seniors are also planning ahead, as they graduate in March 2024. Many are brainstorming what the celebrations may look like during and after the Pinning Ceremony. We are all so excited to see our next wave of respiratory students finally begin their careers as RRTs! Hang in there Juniors!

