

Dariya Alibi

Current Institution: University of South Florida

Hometown: Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Dariya is a sophomore at the University of South Florida, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Computer Science. She is from Kazakhstan and it was her dream to study in the United States to have an opportunity to meet people from all over the world and obtain a high-quality education in Florida. Her enthusiasm and dedication to hard work helped her to achieve her goals. Through studying abroad she met lots of inspiring individuals who share similar values and with whom she made life-long friendships.

Dariya's freshman and sophomore years of college have greatly impacted her life. She successfully completed the USF iBuddy program and served as a Social Chair for the USF Global Citizens Project Student Association (GCPSA). She is currently President of the GCPSA. It means a lot for her to be a part of these supportive organizations because it broadens her horizons in learning about different cultures and traditions. Through them, Dariya will help improve sustainability efforts in her community and take a personal pledge to be conscious of a more sustainable community.

Moreover, she is an EXPO and Events Chair of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), an active member of the Women in Computer Science and Engineering (WICSE), and a volunteer for the National Association of Engineering Student Councils (NAESC) Conference representing a liaison between the organization and students. To find the right path in excelling in her studies and improve her knowledge about computer science she joined a mentoring program. Also, Dariya became a Computer Science and Engineering Ambassador at USF, and she is proud to be a part of the project, which creates a safe environment for current engineering students and supports them in their journey. She firmly believes that by pursuing this career, she will make the world a better place and improve healthcare, robotics, and computer science around the world.

The university experience has shaped Dariya into the person she is today and she wants to inspire future international students to pursue their careers and achieve their goals no matter what. "This experience has already taught me a whole lot, and I believe it is only the beginning," Dariya concludes.

You can learn more about Dariya by viewing her scholarship application video below and reading this article from USF.

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