

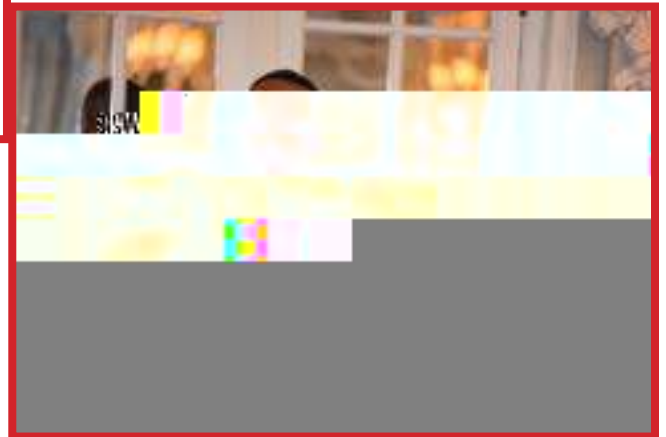
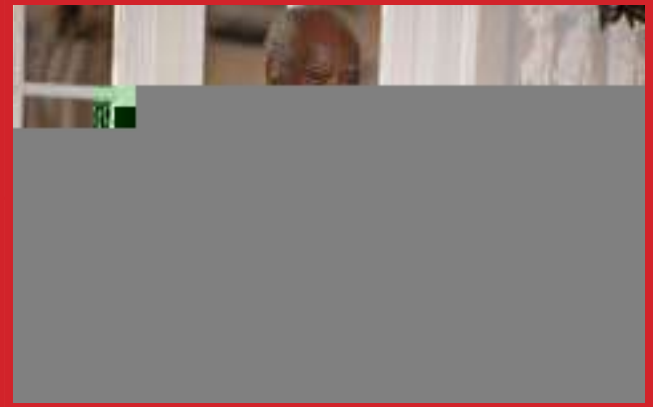
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# Celebrating Our Graduates

Dr. Mirmira - Dr. Polski - Dr. ...

By Jesus Cruz, Electronics Engineering

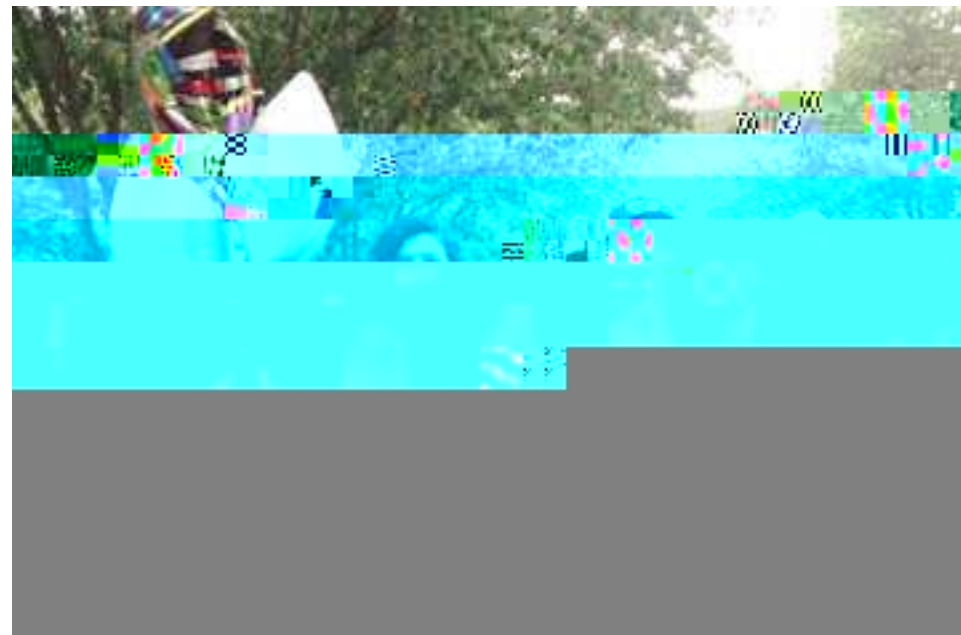
I am a student at East West University majoring in (EET) electronic engineering technology. When I think about what I'm about to accomplish, it makes me feel nervous and excited at the same time. I never thought I would go to college, especially at the age of 41.

I went to Benito Juarez high school and during my sophomore year at Juarez I signed up for Autoshop; by the time I was a junior I was rebuilding engines on my own. I went to UTI (Universal Technical Institute) in 1990 and after UTI I worked for a couple of shops like Goodyear, Midas and American Taxi. All the while I was working on cars on the side in my own residential garage. Five years later I decided to go to COT - College of office technology; it was only for a few months but I wanted to do something other than work on cars and trucks. After COT I went on to work in Hospitality at the Hyatt Regency as a front desk agent and then at the Palmer house in the housekeeping department. In 2008 I attended the Chicago Regional Carpenters to start an apprenticeship in concrete form building. In 2008 when I was about to begin my apprenticeship for concrete form building, the real estate industry took a nose dive and there were no cranes moving, so nobody was building anything. For the next 9 years I went to temp agencies and bounced around from job to job while still working on cars on the side. In 2013 I was working for a O&K American, a steel company by midway airport. I was working 10 hour shifts and 6 days a week. I wanted a better paying job, so I decided to take a 6 week course that was being offered at Westside Tech to get a certificate to work as a CNC (computer numerical control) operator. While I was at westside tech, I was persuaded to go to college if I was serious about wanting to improve my life with a better career. I was told that a CNC certificate would not get me much more money than what I was already making.

I was interested in mechanical engineering and I was told that Wright College was the college I should be going to. But at the time I was going to register I was told that I was too late and that I had to wait till next year to register. Eastwest University gave me a call and asked me if I was interested in starting school sooner than waiting for Wright College. At the time Eastwest called me I was ready to begin without putting much thought into what I was really getting myself into.

Professor Mirmira was the first professor to inspire me. I will always remember him say "you should work hard, communicate and get involved. Don't live your life like you are a lump of flesh". He spoke to the class with words of inspiration and truth. He helped me believe that I can really do this.

Dr. Polski is one to put a lot on your plate and send you off and running. I had the pleasure of attending Humanities and Senior seminar with the one and only Dr. Polski. I owe important life lessons to her, e.g. time management and asking for help. I remember I had an assignment to do on Neil Postman which involved doing a presentation. I had wasted time on thinking how to do it instead of just asking, but finally went to her and told I was afraid of doing the presentation. No sooner I told her that we were sitting in her office going over each step on how to do a presentation. I will always remember that.



I learned a great deal about myself and many different backgrounds and different cultures. I met a lot of great people along the way; it was an awesome experience.

When I started here at Eastwest I didn't think twice about what I was getting myself into - as a matter of fact I got exactly what I needed.

Aside from the wonderful professors and staff at Eastwest, I would have never made it this far without my loving family.

This is one of my best accomplishments at the age of 45. Thank you all for your support during my four year endeavor.



# My Experience

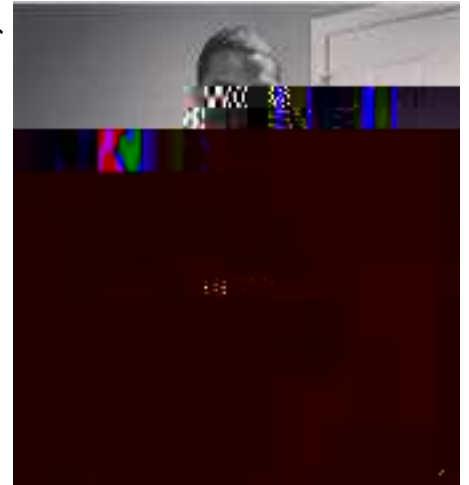
In spring of 2015 I transferred to East-West University, after spending two years at the Illinois Institute of Art - Chicago - the Art Institutes where I was studying the art of Audio Production. I transferred to East-West University in hopes of a chance to sharpen my skills in my field of choice. I settled on pursuing my degree in the field of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. Since I came to East-West University without knowing anyone, I was excited but also nervous because I've always been more on the quiet, reserved side. Through this experience, I learned a lot about myself. I learned that while being quiet isn't a bad thing, sometimes it's necessary to voice my opinion or idea to others, even if others may not agree with it. From time to time I need to push myself out of my comfort zone and try new things or do something spur of the moment because it may be worth it in the end. Sometimes dreaming big and being ambitious does lead to change, no matter what others may say. Looking back, I am so happy that I decided to go out of my comfort zone and attend East-West University.

Classes that helped shape my education experience at East-West University:

1. INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS with Mr. K. Gaines
2. ADVANCED MARKETING MANAGEMENT with Dr. Carolyn Stevenson,
3. SOCIAL MEDIA IN TODAY'S WORKPLACE with Dr. Carolyn Stevenson,
4. PSYCHOLOGY OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE with Dr. Beverly A. Carnes

First, Mr. Gaines is a hard-nose take no prisoners teacher. He stresses the importance of being on time but also the practical use of taking care of Business. In my time at East-West I have valued every class where Mr. Gaines was my instructor. He is a wealth of knowledge instrumental to succeeding not just in school but also in life. Dr. Stevenson is one of those teachers whose classes are underappreciated by the student body. She provides her students with real-world hands-on applications not only to achieve a passing grade, but also to train skills/traits that employers are actually eyeing. She is another valuable aspect to shaping student understanding of oneself. Next, Dr. Carnes is a Professor you yearn for. She inspires her students to put their best foot forward to enact change and understanding of the potential that they have within them.

In summary, my time at East-West University has enhanced my life in many ways. It has provided me with the necessary tools to heighten my skills more, exposed me to valuable knowledge about this diverse world and people and concepts in general and eventually will enable me to hopefully become more successful in life when I finally graduate (spring of 2017) and get my degree. East-West University also has stressed to me the importance of thinking critically and asking questions in many situations. All these aspects of East-West University have also made me better-rounded as a person.



## And in the end ...

By Ms. Annie Schultz

My experience teaching at EWU was nothing like I could have imagined when I began in 2014 as a starry-eyed, enthusiastic, fresh-from-grad-school ball of nerves. As a new educator, I had all of these ideas I would inspire. What I couldn't have known would teach and inspire me. Many of you wear I've been humbled and inspired by your enthusiastic great adversity. Those of you who come from over-which has allowed me to revitalize my teaching and

ideas about the knowledge I would impart and the then is how much the remarkable students at EWU multiple hats: students, professionals, and parents. pursuit of higher education, even, at times, in spite of seas have shared your cultures and beliefs with me, incorporate global perspectives in the classroom.

I have benefited professionally, intellectually, and group of students. While I have

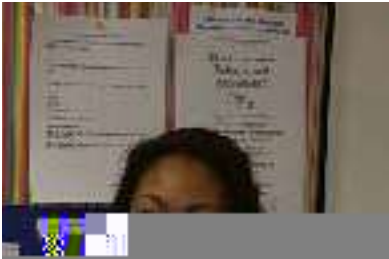
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# Aer e Long Journey

## By: Mary T. Vann, Biology

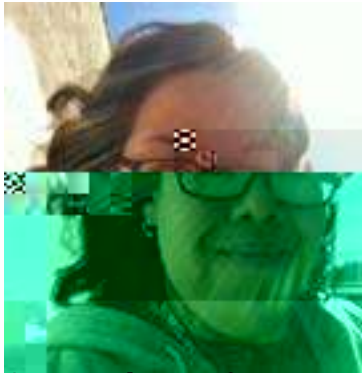


I enjoyed my experience at East West University. I am graduating with class of 2017 with a Bachelor's in Biology. It has been a growing experience .

I started o here as an neurotechnology student back in 2013. I had the opportunity to start in a eld related to psychology and the brain, which I was always interested in. In November of 2013 there was an annual neuroscience conference that I participated in at Advocate Christ Hospital. I later did clinicals at hospitals throughout the city. I le to pursue employment ilated to psy-

# Alumni Corner

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After graduating from East-West University in 2013 with a Bachelor's in English & Communications, I enrolled at the Illinois Media School (formerly called Illinois Center For Broadcasting) to learn more about being a radio personality. At IMS, they teach you everything about television, web, and radio broadcasting, both on-air and behind

the scenes, all in less than a year. I learned how to film commercials, music videos, and a newscast, record my own radio show, build my own website, and so much more. Even better, I took what I learned from East-West and implemented my writing skills into the scripts we had to write.

As a student, I was a production intern for IMS's radio station WindyCityUnderground.com, in which I recorded voiceovers for the station, worked on a voiceover demo, and did a radio show with my classmate. I realized then that I loved doing production more than being on the air

and I continued the internship until a month before I graduated in August 2014.

My experience at IMS was great and I accomplished so much during the program. I definitely learned a lot from them! At the moment, I work there as a graduate assistant tutoring students, answering the phone, performing administrative work, and so much more. Outside of my job, I am also a videographer and editor, which are what I really want to do now. Every Monday afternoon from 12:00 PM-3:00 PM, I film a sports radio show called Mac & Read at IMS's sports station ChicagolandSports-

Radio.com, where the guys talk about many things trending in sports and the entertainment worlds. I also serve as the editor and the quiz writer for their trivia segment.

It's always a rewarding experience watching these students grow and learn so much through our program and get their jobs in their desired field. I recommend Illinois Media School to anyone who is interested in radio and/or television production! If you'd like to learn more about IMS, call at (312) 884-8000 for more information.

Thank you East-West

University for your support through my four years there and helping me shape me into the person I am today. I also want to thank the English Department for their support, teaching me the fundamentals in writing and helping me create my own style of writing and so much more!



Best wishes from Vienna, Austria  
By Galya Dimitrova

Dear Dr. Polski,

This is Galya, the Bulgarian student [former Phantom Press editor] and writing lab worker who graduated in 2010. [...]

I am still in Vienna, I have been working at UNIDO for the past three years. It is interesting, and I am glad that I have opportunities to use the knowledge gained in your lectures. I obtained a Masters in Business Communication and now I am starting a second [Masters]: distance-learning one in HR. Staff development and training is an interesting field.

When I visit Chicago, I will definitely pass by East-West. Wishing you all the best!

Best Wishes,  
Galya

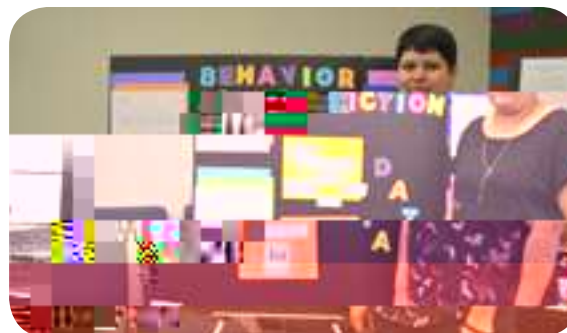


# Life While Working

## By Lorenzo McCray

After graduating from East West in 2014 with a Bachelor's in English and Communications I started volunteering as a Kindergarten teacher's assistant for Chicago Public Schools (CPS) in September of that year and later had a part-time position as a lunchroom assistant. And with the following school year I was a recess monitor for grades 3rd - 8th which required me to monitor students during playtime and work out disputes among them, with the task of still being a teacher's assistant. The teacher's assistant job required me to tutor in reading, phonics, and writing with 5 and 6 years old who were struggling in these subjects.

While on the set of Chosen Life While working with CPS I sparked up a friendship with a security guard name Montel Williams who had a love for cinematography and was a self-proclaimed director who worked on the movie franchise Transformers and directed music videos for the Chicago based Hip-Hop group Sicko Mobb. At the young age of 23 Mr. Williams is the president and founder of Slay House Productions.



# CIS + ECE Simulation Seminar

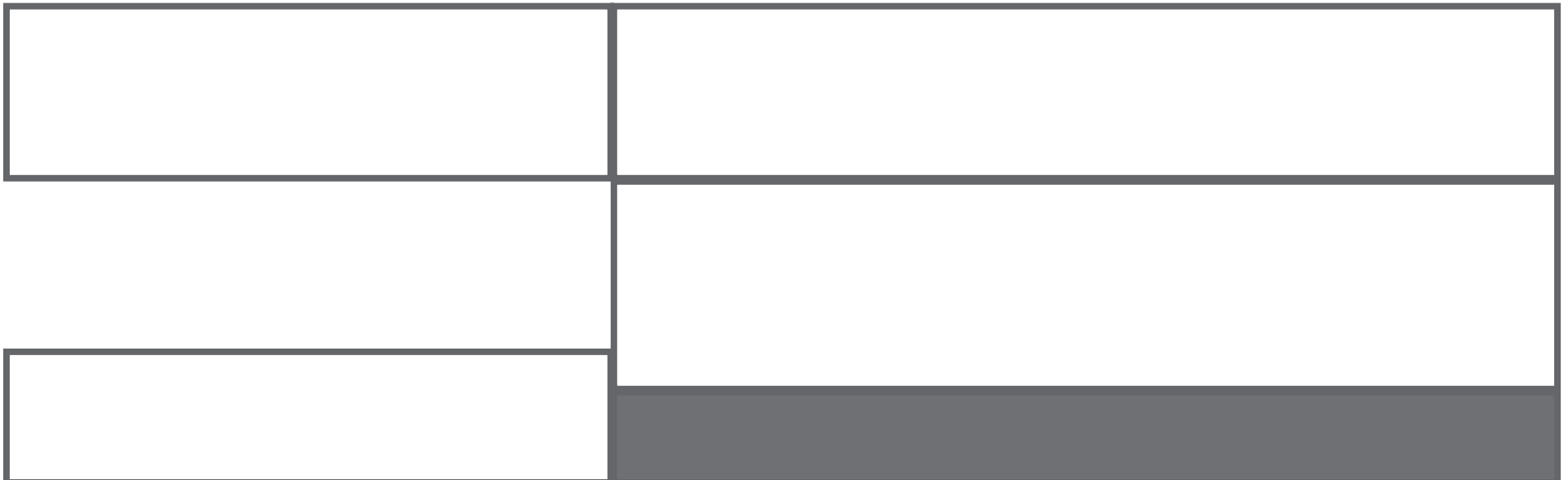
## By Dr. Injoo Kim

Some of us drive, some of us don't. Regardless of it, we usually come across traffic signal lights. Perhaps, it is the most common experience we all share with each other. However, as common a thing as traffic signal lights, how many of us ever wondered how it works? We all know, how useful traffic control systems have been. Indeed, it is around for more than a century. Traffic signal lights first came between 1912 and 1914. So it might be a century old thing, but the question was worth answering. And we did. For the first time, Computer and Information Science and Electronics Engineering Technology Department collaborated together to explain the working of one of the most common public utility – traffic signal lights.

The event was organized on May 25th at Auditorium in the East building. For our part, we from Computer and Information Science department created a computer application that could replicate a real-world four way traffic signal. In other words, a simulation. We named the application "Traffic Signal Simulation". The image you see below is the snapshot of it.

Written in C# (an object-oriented programming language), it is designed to imitate a real-life traffic signal scenario. It has four traffic signal lights, total of ten cars which follows the traffic rules, period of time (Morning, Afternoon, Evening, and Night), and traffic volume (Low, Normal, and Heavy Traffic). The application's main purpose is to offer a realistic scenario, it begins with morning with heavy traffic and as time passes, it changes to different stages. All cars are programmed to follow traffic rules. Signal Lights are timed and can change its algorithm according to the traffic and the time period. While morning and evening are usually rush hour (runs 8 – 10 cars), afternoon and night will portray lower traffic (automatically runs only 1 – 4 cars) in the simulation.

The application was designed and programmed by Jenish Kaur, a senior, and Rahil Vahora, a sophomore. The project was supervised by Dr. Injoo Kim, Program Director of Computer and Information Science. "Traffic Signal Simulation" is in its initial stage. It merely mirrors the outside





## Cinco De Mayo Celebration

By: Tiana Mendez

On Thursday May 4th from 1-4 pm the L-Lounge held a Cinco De Mayo Celebration. The celebration included food, and a performance by Tamborazo Ojo De Agua. The event was hosted by Omero Siller, a CSA member. The food was donated by La Bahia De Acapulco.

The L-Lounge was decorated and East-West students were lined up to eat authentic Mexican food. In regards of the food Siller stated, "The food was donated by La Bahia De Acapulco, it's a restaurant located here on 47th street Back of the Yards. Basically they donated most of the food." Streams of red, white, and green were hung up everywhere. Streams that were hand made by Janet Rivera a few years ago. Music was playing and people were conversating. Some professors even stopped by.

The band Tamborazo Ojo De Agua gave a top notch performance and only stopped playing music to enjoy some good Mexican food. When asked why he chose Tamborazo Ojo De Agua to perform at the Cinco De Mayo Celebration Siller said, "I was a promoter before and I used this band because they're great friends of mine. Not only that they play fairly fairly well. And uhm I also used



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## Food & dining

In today's time we are also on the go. We require everything to be quick fast and in a hurry. But if you are a foodie like myself who enjoys fresh and delicious and supports African American owned business, the following will satisfy your need:

5. Truth Italian Restarant  
56 E Perng Rd  
Chicago, IL 60653  
[truthitalian.com](http://truthitalian.com)  
Recommendation:Spicy Grilled Chicken Alfrdo



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# East-West University BØE G

On May 17th, East-West university held an interesting discussion about the ethics of AI (artificial intelligence). The forum was hosted by the Artificial Intelligence class (taught by Dr. Julie Zhang) and Ethics and Society class (taught by Dr. Maria Polski).

Students from different majors came, and asked several questions about whether Artificial intelligence is useful, or whether an AI should be considered its own person once it's developed

(Ethics and Society students preparing for the open forum)

human like qualities. Dr. Zhang and Dr. Injoo Kim gave examples of their scientific projects developing AI and explained how AI machines worked.