

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

Big ambitions

Paving the way with local community colleges.

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**Sally Lorenz**

Sharing the same passion to change the world, Sally Lorenz and Kunti Dudakia are two vibrant young women from very different backgrounds. Both are intensely focused on their individual path and ambitious to make their mark.

Sally Lorenz

Saddleback College political science major Lorenz developed a passion for international goodwill while visiting Europe, Canada, and Central and South America with her family. "Traveling allowed me not only to experience and learn from other cultures, but to see where change is needed," she explains. "I want to change the world and make it a better place for humanity."

Twenty-one year old Lorenz will be the first in her immediate family to pursue a career in something other than teaching. Her aspirations include attending Georgetown University law school; working for the United Nations in the International Criminal Court or International Court of Justice; and, of course, traveling. "I'm happiest while I'm traveling," she notes. "Travel allows me to experience life at its fullest and grow in ways I never dreamed possible."

As the president of the Saddleback College Model United Nations team, Lorenz has a

great start in reaching her goal. Under her leadership, the team of 12 members, 10 of whom were new, recently won the "Distinguished Delegation" award for its representation of Doctors without Borders at the 2005 National Model United Nations Conference in New York City. They competed against teams from around the world, including prestigious universities.

"I have found opportunities at Saddleback College I

don't think I would have had anywhere else," enthuses Lorenz. "It's easier to get involved on campus, and the quality of education and the faculty are outstanding. Also, the value of my education and experiences are beyond compare."

Kunti Dudakia

Nineteen year-old Kunti Dudakia is one very busy woman. She is the membership officer for the Irvine Valley College Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; involved in soccer, yoga and boxing on a daily basis; a voracious reader; and preparing to attend the University of California Los Angeles this fall.

Despite being accepted to four year universities, Dudakia chose to attend IVC first. Both of her brothers attended community college before going on to New York University and University of Southern California. The smaller classes, personal attention, quality of education and faculty, and cost made her education at IVC an "excellent value." Dudakia also feels IVC gave her time to adjust to college rather than rushing straight into a four year school like many people do.

Dudakia's father is from India and her mother from Haiti. Both taught her to "never settle for less," she says. "I keep focused on my goals, but also keep my eyes open for any

opportunities presented to me." This included her invitation and subsequent application to the UCLA Regent's Scholarship program. Dudakia was in India last summer working with the humanitarian organization, Food for Life, when she was invited to apply. Upon her return, she facilitated a Pop Culture Satellite series at IVC which included interviews with the Food for Life president. "I included video footage from the series in my application," she explains. "I took advantage of the opportunity to tie in my work in India and my schooling at IVC."

"IVC has offered me many wonderful experiences," she says with a smile. "I have great memories. I will never forget honor society advisor and English professor, Kurt Meyer. He has inspired me to grow beyond what I knew I could do, to reach for my dreams and my goals."

Dudakia will major in Communications and Women's Studies while attending UCLA. She plans to work in corporate law, specifically intellectual property law including film, music and internet.

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