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STUDENT STORIES

STUDENT PROFILE

Hello!

My name is Luis Dutan. I am from Ecuador and during the last six years I've been living in different towns in Westchester County.

When I first arrived in the United States, it was very hard to live because everything seemed so new to me. What's more, I spoke no English; the food was different; many aspects of American culture were brand new, and my job in the U.S. was quite different from the one I held in my native country.

While working for the past six years for Silva Home Construction, I feel that I have learned a lot about living in the United States. Now, I am enjoying studying English and hope that I might soon return to Ecuador to teach English myself. I hope to become a graphic designer, too.

Am I more comfortable living in America now? Yes, but it also helps having my sister living close in Peekskill. As for the rest of my family, my parents and two brothers are

living in Ecuador. I talk with my family every week, and I enjoy discussing the many differences in politics, governments and economies between my home country and the United States. I hope that the lives of other immigrants have improved, too.

Adjusting to life here is hard, but not impossible...because America is the land of opportunity!

(By Luis Dutan, student of LVT Tutor Todd Schmidt)

PLEASE...Send us your stories, poems, a favorite recipe--anything written you would like to share. We need material for our STUDENT NEWS. You can leave whatever you have in the LVT mailbox in the Warner Library. We look forward to printing your written contributions!

*****Please include your name and address with your submissions. Thank You!**

LVT STUDENTS WHO SUBMIT STORIES FOR THE STUDENT NEWS WILL RECEIVE TWO COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO A TARRYTOWN MUSIC HALL MOVIE. MANY THANKS TO TARRYTOWN MUSICAL HALL FOR THEIR GENEROSITY!



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APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR
OF TUTORING TO HELP YOUR
TUTOR PLAN LESSONS TO
MEET YOUR SPECIFIC NEEDS



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PRIZES TO BE AWARDED IN ESSAY
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DEADLINE IS JULY 20, 2007

Dollar General and Suave have announced their 2007 Education Essay Contest. School-age youth and adult learners can submit stories about how someone changed their lives through education. The top four winners will receive educational grants or savings bonds, and a trip to New York City to see *The Color Purple* and meet its star, American Idol winner Fantasia Barrino. Applying through the mail is possible only by securing an entry blank from a store in Rockland County so applying online is better. Go to www.suaveessaycontest.com and you can enter your essay on the computer.

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