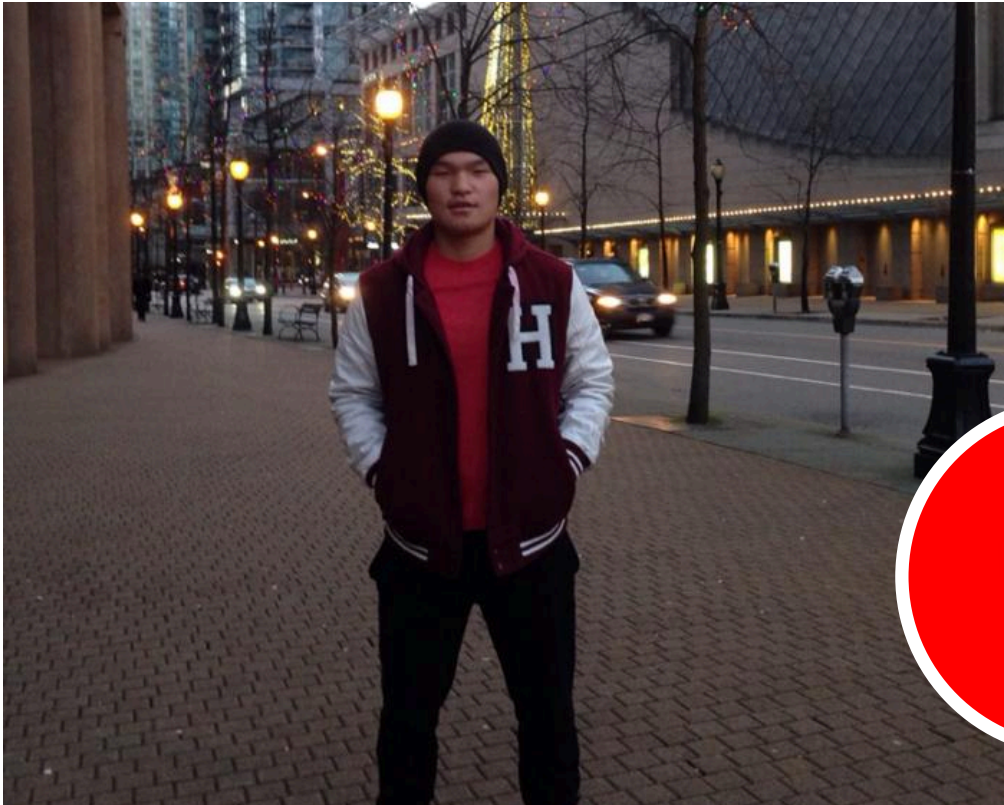




Student Ambassador

Bilguun Ganbold

Ulaanbaator, Mongolia



"I like my homestay, because my homestay mom is awesome cook and I always feel part of the family. It is a real home."

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Bilgun Gandbold from Ullaanbaator chose the Sea to Sky School District with the recommendation from his agent in Mongolia. Bilgun was attending an American school there and thought that going abroad and graduating in Canada would be a great experience. As he said, "I heard lot's of favourable things about the education system in Canada and so I wanted to come here to study and really integrate into Canadian life."

Bilgun is very much enjoying his new life in Canada and new community of Squamish. He wanted to be in a smaller, more family-friendly community and has found this in Squamish. "I like the outdoors, mountains, rivers, and streams and the really friendly people."

Bilgun is on a graduation path at Howe Sound Secondary. He is really enjoying the courses he has this year. His favourite subjects at the moment are Social Studies, English and Social Justice.

"I like the teachers and I like the way they teach in class. The teachers have a lot of patience for International students and they take time for us and put in a lot of effort to ensure we understand the material."

Sports are a very important part of Bilgun's life and he is an accomplished athlete. Being able to be part of the schools athletic program and joining a variety of teams was critical to his choice of schools. As he said; "I am presently in basketball, football, table tennis and dodge ball and I am really enjoying this." This winter he also took up snowboarding for the first time.

Bilgun keeps really active and when he is not playing sports he volunteers in the community. "Besides basketball and football I try to learn the guitar, and during the Christmas season I volunteered for the Polar Express at the West Coast Railway."

Bilgun will be applying to several universities in Canada and hopes to go to UBC and study Business Management.

Bilgun was lucky to have his family visit over Christmas this year and introduce them to his new community and country. He has not experienced any homesickness at all. "When I go back to my country, I will go back with only wonderful memories."

