

# International Student Spotlight

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## From the Shores of San Diego to the Halls of Burman: The Journey of Evan Torres Dalisay

### Where the Story Begins: Sunlight, Coastlines, and Culture



There is a certain kind of sunrise you only see in Southern California—soft gold spilling over the Pacific, warming the cliffs of La Jolla and the quiet neighborhoods of Chula Vista and Bonita. It is in this landscape of ocean breezes, palm-lined streets, and vibrant cultural roots that **Evan Torres Dalisay** began his story.

Born in **San Diego, California**, Evan grew up between Chula Vista and Bonita, later settling in Escondido County. His home life was a beautiful blend of cultures: a mother with deep Mexican heritage, a father whose lineage carries both Mexican and Filipino stories, and a family shaped by faith, humility, and perseverance. Evan and his younger brother were raised in the United States, but their home was rich with the traditions, languages, and values of generations before them.

### A Path Shaped by Learning, Faith, and Purpose

Evan's academic journey began in Southern California's school system, where he received his primary and secondary education. But his path would eventually lead him far north—to the quiet prairies of Alberta—where he enrolled at **Burman University** to pursue a Bachelor of Science.

Now in his final semester, preparing to graduate in **May 2026**, Evan reflects on how transformative this chapter has been. “Studying at Burman granted me the luxury of choosing the classes I needed for entrance into a chiropractic program, while completing my degree in just three years,” he shares. “But more than that, I’ve been surrounded by a community that keeps God first in all they do.”

His time at Burman has been more than academics. Evan has been an active presence in cultural life on campus, supporting clubs such as the **Burman University Latino Association (BULA)** and the **Filipino Cultural Club (FCC)**—spaces where identity, heritage, and community come alive.

## Science, Service, and the Heart of a Healer

Before coming to Burman, Evan gained remarkable professional experience. He worked in a **molecular biology lab at the University of California San Diego (UCSD)**, contributing to cancer development research. He also served in acute care facilities, supporting elderly patients with compassion and dignity. And through music—performing with orchestras and choirs—he has helped share messages of hope, resilience, and love.

This blend of science, service, and spirituality has shaped Evan’s calling. After graduation, he plans to attend **Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCUHS)** to become a chiropractor. His dream extends beyond a career—he hopes to establish a **health ministry in Southern California**, sharing the Adventist health message and serving communities in need.

## A Legacy of Faith and Determination

Much of Evan’s inspiration comes from his father, whose own journey from humble beginnings to becoming a doctor has deeply influenced him. “God gave my father the determination and knowledge to study medicine so he could provide for our family and help others,” Evan says. “I’ve been moved by his testimony, and I hope to follow a similar path, if it is God’s will.”

## Looking Ahead: A Future Filled with Purpose

As Evan prepares to leave Burman, he carries with him the warmth of the community, the strength of his heritage, and the quiet determination shaped by the California sun. His plans are simple yet profound: **to keep studying, to serve others, and to become the best man he can be.**

And just like the sunrise over San Diego, his future glows with promise.