What Participants are saying...

“When I entered ELA, they didn’t offer a class in “pronunciation” in their curriculum, and it was one of the areas I needed to work on to improve my TOEFL score. When we asked them if they could offer a “pronunciation” class, they arranged a schedule and created a new class for us. I was impressed and so thankful for their consideration for students. This is just one example, but they are really helpful and enthusiastic in education. ELA definitely helped me to open the door to the LL.M. in USD school of law.”

— Hiro Wakabayashi
Japan

“I arrived in San Diego one year ago, with a poor English knowledge and big dreams. I had four months to pass the TOEFL with 85% to get accepted to the USD Legal Master’s Program. So English Language Academy was an obvious choice to brush up my English. Almost exactly four months after I arrived, I passed the TOEFL with 97 points and started the spring semester in the program I had dreamed of. My teachers and the entire ELA staff has been a big part of it. Jennifer, Terri, Deborah, Marcela, Christina, Annie, Lenore, and Erika, thank you!”

— Judit Maria
Hungary

“As an 18-year-old from Saudi Arabia, I suddenly realized that leaving to study in the United States was a scary thought. But, thankfully I chose the city of San Diego and the English Language Academy at the University of San Diego. The staff and teachers of the ELA are wonderful. I’ve been here three semesters, and along with my great improvement in the English language, I have made many amazing friends and enjoyed my stay here in San Diego. It truly feels like home here.”

— Mohammed Alkowaiz
Saudi Arabia

“I had the most amazing experience with the ELA program at USD, as the management staff added a great social and entertainment component to the academic program. This allowed students to interact with each other and explore so many new and different cultures and build strong friendship. ELA in USD will always have a special place in all international students’ hearts. It was there that I first learned that nothing is impossible. We all have a chance in life to be better than what we are now, and we can always improve ourselves to be better and better. In ELA I learned the value and importance of teamwork and what a great result we get when we work together as one. Even more importantly, it was the place where I learned to connect with other people on a level much deeper than schoolwork. I felt that I was a part of something much, much bigger than myself and have learned how to be a responsible person.

— Nada Bakir
Iraq