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# BOSTON UNIVERSITY TRIP



We went to Boston, Massachusetts on Monday, July 15 for the second time during our stay at Brewster Academy. This time, we were visiting Boston University as college visitors. After we alighted from the bus, we went in the Admissions Building and attended a presentation which gave general information about the University as well as offered us a chance to ask questions about the University.

After that, we went around the campus with a junior studying in Boston University. We got the opportunity to get a feel for Boston University and the surrounding neighborhoods, which are very beautiful. We got to see the housing options, dining halls, the library, academic buildings and resources to assist with student life.



We moved from one building to another. The architecture was pretty classic, encompassed with amazing views of the city. Furthermore, there are many important landmarks such as the BU seal on Marsh Plaza, the Charles River, BU beach and many more.



Along the way, we saw college students from a very diverse background. We had learned about a typical student's life that inspired us to think about college.



After walking around for campus for a while, we took a break in the cafeteria that has stores selling Asian food. We were all very excited to eat Asian food that we have badly missed. We ate Asian food for lunch and loved the taste. We also spent time talking with each other and getting to know each other better. We then headed back to Brewster Academy after our brief yet remarkable stay in Boston.



# SOCCER TS VS ADIA



When P’Jom suddenly called out my name after recreation one day along with a bunch of other TS boys, I thought we were in for some nice kettles of fish. However, it turned out that P’Jom was simply recruiting for our soccer team. I later learned that the upcoming soccer match was a long-standing tradition in the history of the Royal Thai Scholars program. A few years back, we were playing something else but they changed to football about three to four years ago. We huddled together in a circle and P’Jom started assigning roles. Everyone seemed to be really worked up.

The period that followed was checkered with pain, frustration and fatigue. While the girls were basking in Lake Winnepesaukee, we were working hard with corner kicks. However, everyone did their best in the training sessions. P’Jom was appointed the head coach of our soccer team because of his hands-on experience. He was a very enthusiastic and devoted coach. “Sixty percent”, “eighty percent” and “one hundred percent” : these are his memorable words that have made their ways onto the list of TS62’s favorite catchphrases. The training sessions were very well designed, well thought-out and we appreciate the effort our TAs put in to those sessions. Those days were so scorching hot days we felt our skins tingled in the heat of the sun rays, yet no amount of heat will ever eclipse the enjoyment and bonding we had.



P'Jom announced his departure a few days before the match. We were determined to win for P'Jom.



The big day came and there was palpable tension in the air. We made sure to arrive at the soccer field early but it turned out that the turf field was occupied with something else (if I remember correctly, the girls' lacrosse team) so we ended up having to use the grass field down the hill. We were informed that the match would start at three thirty but the coach came to tell us it would start at four because the other team were not ready yet. Knowing that we went back to our warming sessions to ready our muscles and bodies for the big match.



The whistle was blown and we started attacking. Our first forward attack took them by surprise too, but we did not score any goals out of it. After that, we were bombarded with attacks from their sides. Their strikers were cruelly proficient, their wingers really quick, and their backs really tenacious. It was a hard match to play because the ADIAs played very well. I only noticed a few potential fouls from their side, so we appreciate their sportsmanlike spirit too.

Then we conceded some goals. We ran and ran and did our best, but when we knew we were at our limits we asked to be substituted for.

After some nicely done attempts from our strikers, some amazing tackles and turns from our wingers, and our impregnable defense with some impressive saves from our goalie, Tony, winger, scored a last-minute goal with a jaw-dropping half volley. There was much fanfare after that, and Tony had become the star of our team before he realized it. We lost 5-1 in the end, conceding one penalty. But our cheer teams definitely won.



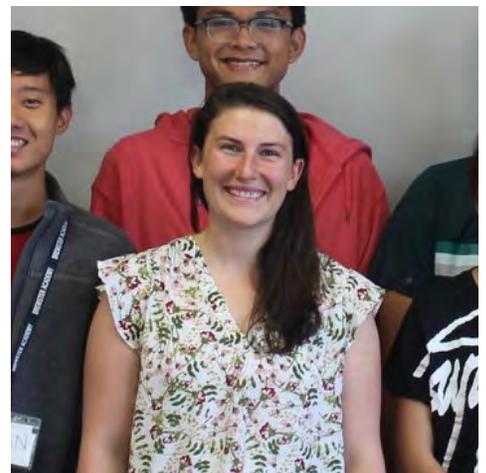
After that we had some celebratory parties, took a lot of photos, and apologized to our opponents for any unnecessary tackles in a sportsmanlike fashion.

Thanks to our amazing photo teams, we have got some really nice photos to remember this match. I am sure ten years from now on we will look back to it with great fondness.

# TA/TEACHER DEPARTURE

This week saw P'Johm leaving on Wednesday July 17. His impact on our soccer team, his strictness yet spirit for us TS62 and his promotion of the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) will be remembered by us all.

Other than TAs, we unfortunately have to say goodbye to two amazing teachers, Lucas and Kaly, as the first section of the program draws to a close. Lucas' reading to learn class has greatly improved our research skills, culminating in the presentation of such information with debates. We greatly appreciate what he has done for us. Kaly's countless wins in the game of Scattergories, assistance with our TS Talk and improvement to our communication skills in general will be remembered greatly by us all in TS62.





## “ **LOOKING BACK** END OF SECTION 1 ”

Class : For the first section, we had classes from 8:00 to 12:30. We then had discussion group meetings at 1:30. We studied 5 subjects a day, here are the highlights of each one!

TOEFL: Fun Day Friday with a chance to win a lot of TS cash

Writing: Candies and snacks for illustration

Culture: Things that matter in the US

Communication: Play games almost everyday, very relaxed atmosphere and easy to get TS cash

Reading: Learn new vocab and analyzing texts

For the second section, all subjects will change and there will be no more discussion group meetings.



Recreation: Recreation starts at 4:00 pm (We have about 2 hours before recreation begin, better take a nap or do some small homework) The sport we do for recreation changes daily between the options of basketball, soccer, volleyball, frisbee, Just Dance or dodge ball. On some days, we get to have a special recreation session in which we get to go to Brewster Beach and do whatever they want. Activities such as swimming, ultimate frisbee, beach volleyball and sun bathing are popular with TS62.

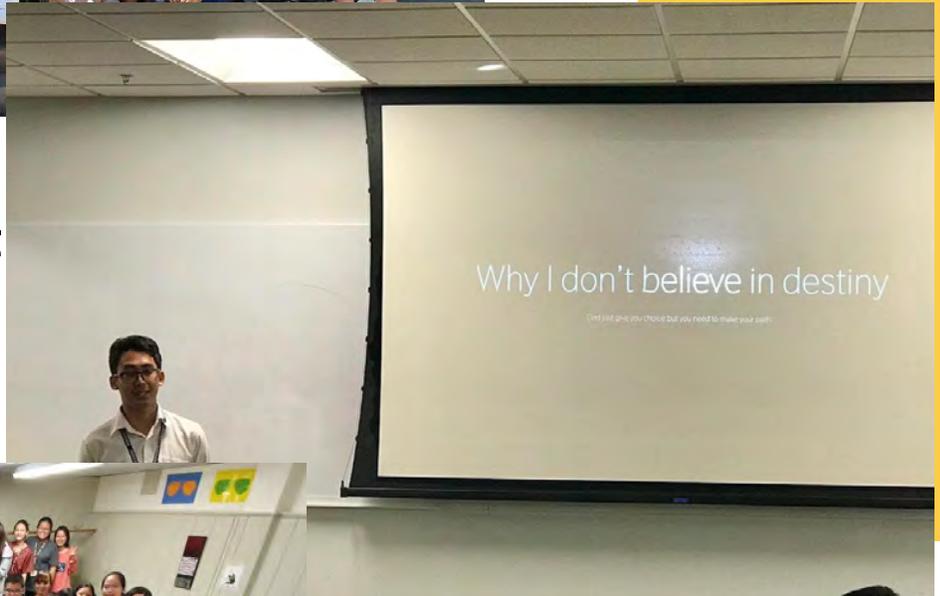
### Our First Half Ends!

We embarked on this journey together on June 6, 2018. We did not know each other at all then. We were speaking Thai, unsure of what life in America will bring. Now, six weeks have passed. It really proves that time flies when you are having fun. Let's take to relive some of our memories during the last 6 weeks.



**Our fateful  
first  
encounter**

**The sleep-inhibiting but  
worthwhile TS talks**



**Whenever our TAs are  
leaving, we hold farewell  
parties for them in Sargent 1.**

**The classes and the  
teachers we will miss**





# Retrospective Interview

**If you could extend your stay at Brewster, what do you hope to be able to do?**

P'Kwan: I really want to see everybody's TS talk as all of them are very interesting! I want to know more about what you have to say. For other things within the program, I feel like I did my best and contributed to the TS community. I hope you guys feel the same way!

**Any last thoughts for current TS students?**

P'Kwan: You guys have done very well so far! I could only expect you guys to do better and better in the future. Even though prep school life probably won't be easy, it is a journey that you will learn so much from. At the end of the year, I believe you guys will feel that you've grown as a student, as a person, and as a human who lives in this enormous world, exploring more than just what we had seen in Thailand. Please do not be discouraged if you feel lonely or stressed. Keep in mind that you're carving your path toward a bright future and you're doing a good job. It's going to be fun!



Some students were especially curious and asked me a lot of questions. I was very happy to be able to help them with their English!

**What did you expect being a TA here and what it really turned out to be?**

P'Kwan: Honestly, I didn't expect much because I knew I could only be here for three weeks. I only hoped that all TS students would be happy throughout the program. With American TAs, I didn't expect to get along with them well at first. However, it turned out that we could become great friends! One another thing is the sports: I wished I could teach you guys some of American sports, and I got to teach Frisbee here!

**What is the greatest challenge you faced as a TA here?**

P'Kwan: I had to teach some portions of the classes but I wasn't very confident with my English skills. As a TA, I knew I had to be a good model for the students, so I was afraid that I would make mistakes. I hoped I had been helpful to all of the students, though! Some students were especially curious and asked me a lot of questions. I was very happy to be able to help them with their English!

Six weeks passed and a lot of things have changed. We think it would be interesting to ask some of the departed TAs about how they feel about the program. Here is an interview with the very first TA to leave the program: P'Kwan!

**Why did you decide to become a TA in our summer program?**

P'Kwan: I had a really a good time as a TS here two years ago. Brewster Academy has a very beautiful campus and the neighborhood is also very interesting (Bailey's Bubbles is good!). I had so much fun back then, so I wanted to come back and contribute to next generation TS. I once talked with P'Khim about coming back as a TA here. Once Chris notified us that we were accepted as TA, we were so happy.

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## “ S'MORES PARTY ”

On Saturday July 20, TAs and TS62 got together to meet in front of a campfire. We emulated a typical American campfire party, complete with music played by some students and typical treats like S'mores. S'mores, or partially melted marshmallow with crackers and chocolate, is not a common snack in Thailand. In fact, it was the first time for many of TS62 that they got to have S'mores. The campfire was also a great bonding experience. We played Heads Up! - TS62 and TA edition with each other and overall had a great time together! This will surely be one of the many memorable experiences we created together this summer at Brewster Academy!