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Hi professor Euri, we are doing fine and very happy in here...

I was a little scared when I arrived in the U.S. because we were in a big city with people that I never see and that speak a different language. In the beginning I have some difficulty to understand and speak English, but now when people talk to me I understand English better than before. I see that this is a great opportunity to make friends, learn a new culture, and learn different things about another country. I hope that the new group of students that will be coming to CSUN in 2011 enjoy, learn, and have fun, like or more than us.

Los Angeles and Northridge have a good planning with large streets and a good infrastructure. The public transportation is well planned, but it is complicated because we spend much time waiting for the buses. The retail and grocery stores are very good here, but they are distant from here.

On CSUN campus we can see many practices of sustainability, like solar roof in all parking lots, many students use bicycles and skate boards, and all buildings' entrances are accessible for handicapped persons.

The classes offered by the URBS department are very interesting, and we are learning many subjects. We have three different courses in housing, California Environmental Quality Acts, and in Urban Design. We are learning many things about the California, environmental laws, housing history, up to date data and how it is important to plan when working with urban design.

Thank you,

Thalyta