

# THE CELAC STUDENT VOICE

## Have cell phones changed our lives?

by *Andrea Queiroz de Souza*

For many people, cell phones have changed their way of life.

Many people are dependent on cell phones to pay bills, to locate places, to communicate, and to keep up to date. They can do this with the help of many applications that make life easier. For example, banking applications that you download on your cell phone can let you quickly look at your statement, pay your bill, make a transfer, or change your account. In addition, email applications let you read your emails wherever you are, and reply to and send emails any time. Also, navigation applications help you find the best and fastest way to get to a place. They can tell you if the place is open, the contact phone number, and give a photo of the place.

In our days, the facility of the cell phones allows us to be connected with the world only with a simple click!

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## A Happy Retirement

by Svetlana Shevkun

It sounds like I will be able to retire at this time. I know for sure, that the next 10 years will be flying very quickly, but mentally in my head, I am not ready to retire.

Because I am an accountant, I will definitely be working at least 3-4 months during tax season doing tax returns preparation, and I will be able to take extended vacations. I have a big wish list for my trips. I desire to cover this list in the following fifteen years. I also want to dye my hair in some crazy bright colors, like purple, or yellow.



Finally, I have a plan to live in New Mexico, but I am not decided where, because I like so much Taos and Santa Fe, but I will be not surprised if finally, I will get a small casita in Jemez Springs. I hope my life will not be difficult, but different, in a good way.

I wish to spend a lot of time with my family, grandkids and friends.

## Aspects of Social Media

by Hai My Duong



Nowadays, a lot of people use social networks for entertainment and it is not a strange thing to us anymore. However, there are pros and cons of social media.

On the one hand, social media helps us keep in touch with our friends. With a long distance friendship, sometimes we do not have a chance to go out and play. Talking and sharing aspects of our lives is the best way to help us more and more understand each other.

On the other hand, using social media too much will make us addicted; anything too much is not good. When we go outside, we will easily see many people bending their necks to look at the phone screen; they just can't stop refreshing the newsfeed. That also unintentionally causes distance between people in our society because it seems that no one cares about what's going on around but their phones.

In conclusion, social media is a double-edged sword with its good and bad sides.



## Andrea

Hi, my name is Andrea Queiroz de Souza. I am from Brazil. I own a business called Minds in Fortaleza, Ceará. I have a degree in tourism and a Master's in Business Administration. I came to Albuquerque to improve my English and learn about the culture, and was happy to find CELAC!



## Hai My

Hi everyone, my name is Hai My. I was born in Saigon, Vietnam. And I'm currently living in Albuquerque and a student at CELAC. Recently, I often listen to rock music and practice the drums when I have free time. I hope I will master the drum soon.



## Svetlana

I am from Khabarovsk, Far-East Russia. I got a Master's of Science in Engineering Management and Economics in 1988 from the Institute of Railroad Engineers in Khabarovsk. As an accountant, I worked for Mutsui Co. in Khabarovsk. I moved to the USA in 1997. I lived in New York for 11 years and relocated to Albuquerque in 2007 because of my family. In 2007, I worked as a Sr. Tax Analyst for H&R Block and since 2012, I have been working as an accountant for the Center for Micro-Engineered Materials at UNM. I like to travel, watch movies and enjoy time with my daughter and our black lab, Baruch.