

I core group I converse with is a Christian ministry group that I met early on during UCSD's welcome week. Initially I felt skeptical to meet with them because I wasn't sure that this was the Christian ministry I would want to be with since there were so many more on campus. But that view instantly changed as I became more involved with their events and Sunday service as well as their weekly prayer meetings. After weeks of thinking, I decided to join the group because I felt that the other groups just weren't right for me, and it's thanks to this group that I view the campus climate the way I do now. The older brothers and sisters (seniors) as well as our home group leader have all influenced me greatly on taking the spiritual path, and I believe that one of the reasons why my life right now has little to no stress is thanks to them. They are always there to help and would always support us freshmen in times of need. They teach us valuable skills such as cooking, wiring, and study habits. Although this ministry may seem to be filled with many Asian-Americans and Asians, we hold open arms out to anybody of any race not matter what religion they are as well. It was this reason that helped me come to the conclusion that even though UCSD is filled with Asian-Americans, we do have a diverse group of people attending this university, and there is nothing to be afraid of. My experience here is nothing but good, even great, meeting kind people from every college and always being able to do something fun with any of them whether it be games, eating, or studying. I feel as though my social and study life at this university is transitioning smoothly thanks to these people who I can regard as my family. Ultimately it is thanks to this group that I view UCSD with such optimism and wonder, as well as helps me to keep moving forward awaiting the next day.