



A Gorilla Family: Brothers Join Sister at Pittsburg State University

Pittsburg State University prides itself on the transformation experiences students have here. Many students are excited to tell their family and friends who are not at Pitt State news about their classes, extra-curricular activities, and life in general at Pitt State.

For Yashvi Lambasiya, a senior in Biology from India, telling her family about her experience at PSU was not enough. She wanted them to experience Pitt State for themselves.



Left to Right: Yashvi Lambasiya, Kavan Lambasiya, and Darshil Lambasiya

She was struck by Pitt State’s welcoming community and supportive staff, and wanted her brothers to join her here.

“I was the first one to get here and after living here for a year this place felt like home to me,” Yashvi said. “The international office has always been a great support and also I loved the University and what better opportunity for my brothers than to stay with me and simultaneously enjoy this beautiful place.”

Yashvi’s brothers, Darshil and Kavan, have since joined her at Pitt State where all three are studying Biology with an emphasis in Pre-Medical studies.

“The first thing that got me to come to Pittsburg was basically my family,” Darshil said. “I wanted to study with my sister, so I joined Pitt State.”

For the brothers, already having a family member in Pittsburg helped them adjust to Pitt State.

“It is a great feeling to have your family in Pitt state,” Darshil said. “It does not feel strange when you come to a different country with your family. It is a great experience.”

Yashvi said that having her brothers join her at Pitt State “feels like a blessing.”

“As an international student it is the most difficult thing one has to face being away from family,” she said. “Now that I have two of my brothers here it’s like I have all the mental support, all the fun, and we also celebrate all the festivals because I have help from them.”



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Having a sister at Pitt State already was a huge draw to come. However, Darshil and Kavan were also attracted to PSU's excellent academics and campus culture.

"I've selected PSU for their great campus, education facilities and affordability," Kavan said.

Not all students are fortunate enough to be joined by family members at PSU. However, Pitt State's welcoming atmosphere makes all students feel welcomed and accepted.

"One of my favorite part would most definitely be the culture and acceptance here," Yashvi said.

"Nobody ever feels left out. Everyone is included and most importantly everyone here is always eager to learn more about other cultures which makes us feel more included."

The people at Pitt State also stood out to Kavan.

"...Everyone is so polite, supportive and helpful, including the teaching and non-teaching staff," he said.

The Limbasiya siblings said they feel at home in Pittsburg, and hope to be joined by more cousins in the future.

"Pitt has become a second home for us and I don't think I'd trade anything for that," Yashvi said.