What I enjoy most about volleyball:
Having a team to interact with everyday. I also enjoy the competition, obviously. I fell in love with the sport as a kid – I’m not even sure why.

The life of a scholar-athlete:
My grade point average is 3.9. Trying to balance being a good student and an athlete can be tricky. During the volleyball season, we practice twice a day plus go to class. At the end of the day, I’m dead tired and then it’s time to start my homework. When I travel, I bring my books. It’s challenging but a really good way to prepare yourself for your future life.

What I like most about FIU:
It’s very international. The volleyball team is a perfect example. Our team has 12 players from nine different countries. We actually communicate really well.

My dream:
I plan on earning a Ph.D. in electrical engineering. I’d like to contribute to something that changes peoples’ lives for the better. I’ve developed an interest in global warming and alternative ways of delivering electricity to people. I’ll probably end up in Europe so that I can be closer to my family.

“I’ve had the opportunity to talk to people from everywhere around the world. It’s been a great experience learning about different cultures through the people I’ve met.”