

The Roots We Share

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Lake Havasu was created by the Parker Dam in 1934-1938 and would later become the body of water where the London Bridge would be transported as a part of the idea of Robert P. McCulloch to develop a self-sufficient community. As of 2012, the establishing of its own Arizona State University campus created the foundation for an array of students to join a remarkable community. Since 2017, my family and I have frequented the Sonoran Desert and enjoyed its geography, climate, and culture. Attending ASU at Lake Havasu makes me recognize how fortunate we are to have the privilege of connecting with venerable individuals on a daily basis. The multicultural atmosphere provides an opportunity to meet students like Ekaterina and Maxsim, who are from Yekaterinburg, Russia. Finding them here was a pleasant surprise because my mother and her family are from Nizhny Tagil, which is in close proximity to their hometown. These unparalleled moments have become highlights of my journey in Lake Havasu City. Furthermore, the discovery of Daytona Hall, ASU's indoor gymnasium, was also fortuitous. Here, competitive matches of basketball and volleyball and opportunities to develop relationships with my peers can occur and thrive. The dedicated people of Lake Havasu City and the donors which made ASU Lake Havasu possible embody a community committed to excellence in education.



Maxsim, Anthony, and Ekaterina on ASU's balcony overlooking Lake Havasu