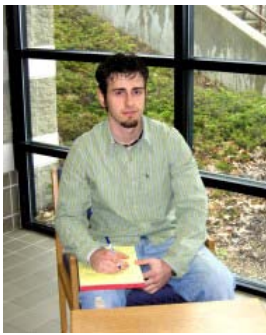


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Glen Oaks graduation means college in Upper Peninsula for Italian student



CENTREVILLE---Very soon Edoardo Sarda, an Italian college student at Glen Oaks Community College, will achieve the first leg of his education dreams. The young man from Torino, Italy is among 250 Glen Oaks eligible to graduate this year. The college's 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 1, graduation includes 150 graduates who are taking part in the ceremonies. The Associate of Science degree that Sarda earned is just the start of studies preparing him for a career as a Mechanical Engineer focusing on Robotics.

Sarda was courted by several colleges and universities but he chose Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, for their engineering program. College tuition and fees at Lake Superior State will be easier for the former Colon High School foreign exchange student with scholarships like a Phi Theta Kappa academic grant for \$1,000, a Lake Superior State Foundation scholarship for up to \$4,500, and a Lake Superior Lakers award for \$7,500. Sarda's high ACT score, his 3.8 grade point average, and the fact that he is a student coming from some distance (Italy certainly qualifies) gained him the Lake Superior Lakers Scholarship. "Together those scholarships really help me to afford going to college there," said Sarda.

Deciding on a college in the Upper Peninsula wasn't unusual for Sarda. "I love to travel and visit places. I enjoy Sault Ste. Marie and being close to Canada. It is very international," Sarda said. He has visited most European nations and he looks forward to seeing ships from around the world traversing the Soo Locks.

Sarda will miss Glen Oaks Community College. He enjoyed participating in Phi Theta Kappa, the international academic honorary for two-year college students, serving as a student tutor in the Tutoring and Testing Center and being a student assistant to Professor of Math and Science Gerald Barkley. Sarda pushed himself to complete Glen Oaks as early as possible by taking 20 credit hours the past semester. At the same time he aided in loading of video clips for Professor Barkley's Distance Learning classes and tutored Physics students. "I enjoyed my Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics and I really liked the class I took on the History of Michigan," Sarda said as he looked back at the past two years.

Sarda has enjoyed the smaller class sizes and personal attention he received at Glen Oaks Community College. Now he is going to a smaller university that also focuses on the student and preparing them for careers and advancement in today's competitive and global landscape.