

## A Conversation with Johnathan Ben Dor

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Congratulations to **Johnathan Ben Dor**, our Exchange Visitor of the Month! Johnathan came here from Israel to study game cinematics at Blur Studio, Inc. in California. I recently sat down with Johnathan to chat about his exchange experience so far.

### **Were you excited to come to California from Israel?**

Oh yeah definitely!

### **How have your expectations been met?**

It has passed any expectation that I had.

### **What's the biggest difference? Any Similarities?**

The way everything is so spread out and big it's just huge! Whether it's the coca-cola bottle or the street you're walking on. The climate is similar; weather is sunny and warm and nice. The beach culture is similar too

### **Tell me a little about your training...**

The company creates game cinematics for games which are the animations between the actual games. Also commercials openings for TV shows and visual effects for films. I get to learn a little bit of everything but mostly specialize in the broadcast department doing graphics for TV shows.

### **What's your favorite thing about the training?**

The people that I work with!

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### **What's your favorite thing to do outside of your training?**

I love taking photos and there are so many things to snap around LA! I'm fascinated with people and culture. And I like to snap things that represent America like the lifeguard towers on the beach.

### **Do you have a favorite place?**

I love Venice beach because of the type of people that are here. The majority of people are artists.

### **What's your favorite food here?**

Mexican! It's funny because the amount of Mexican places around California is ridiculous. I love it! I'm hooked!

### **Stereotypes?**

Americans are way more intelligent than people would like to say. People are also very nice.

### **If someone asked you, "What's the US like?" What's the first thing you would say?**

It's amazing! It's like living in a dream. It's a very worthy experience.

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