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## I studied abroad because...

Since I came to the U.S. as a kid, I have always wanted to pick up my root culture again and improve my Chinese language, so study on exchange to China perfectly satisfied that goal of mine!

## My favorite spot in my host city was...

The "Intime City" mall. There is a floor inside made up entirely of restaurants. It is the closest mall to campus, and for a foodie person like me, it has always been my favorite place.

## The weirdest food I tried while abroad...

I tried "century eggs." They were made by preserving duck, chicken or quail eggs in a mixture of clay, ash, salt, quicklime, and rice hulls for several weeks to several months. They actually tasted good with congee! It's weird only because they were still raw after preservation.

## One cool thing that happened was...

I participated in the annual drama show of the Drama Club, where I acted as "Frederick" in the English drama called "Noises Off." It was cool working and rehearsing together with the local students.

## The most unforgettable thing that happened...

The strong friendship and bonds I developed with local students in UNNC. I still remember when a few students and I were dancing, walking and laughing when we were walking back to our dorm after we were finally done with our group project.

## Something I took away from my time abroad is...

I became more independent, more culturally and globally aware, and paid more attention to the important news happening in China and other Asian countries.

## The most surprising thing about studying abroad is...

There are cultural differences in all countries. Only when I really go and live there for a while, am I able to actually remember and learn them.

## Lastly, I would like to tell you...

Going to China or other Asian countries might sound scary at first, but if you are really interested in experiencing a totally different culture, or learn a different language, then those programs might be a great option for you!