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**CERTIFICATE
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ACCEPTANCE**

This is to certify that the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel has completed its review of applications for listing in the *2012-2013 Advisory List for International Educational Travel & Exchange Programs*.

The Laurasian Institution

is hereby granted a Full Listing status in the 2012-2013 edition of the *Advisory List*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher B. Page".

**Christopher Page
Executive Director**

The Laurasian Institution (TLI) is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization founded in 1990. The program and activities of TLI give particular attention to cultural interactions with Asia.

Recognizing the cultural foundations of economic, political, and social policy, TLI seeks to:

- Develop individual competency in dealing with and among diverse cultures,
- Encourage realistic and mutually beneficial methodologies of dealing with cultural diversity,
- Create educational programs and coalitions to communicate and further the aforementioned.

The Laurasian Institution contributes to its mission by creating programs that offer opportunities for students and educators alike to more directly engage the other.

We hope you will join us in making connections with other cultures!



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It is hope of The Laurasian Institution that this shared history might serve as a guide to greater future cooperation and mutual understanding.

CHINA



C-corps, Jr.

CHINESE
CULTURAL
RESOURCE
PROGRAM

The C-corps, Jr. Inbound program is an academic year high school exchange program. The Laurasian Institution (TLI) selects Chinese high school students who are not only interested in learning about the U.S. but eager to share the Chinese language and culture. The unique feature of C-corps, Jr. is that the students are coached to share Chinese teen culture and native language in the classroom, school and community by attending one language class per day or participating in China Club or International Club.

NEW PERSPECTIVES



New Perspectives: China (NP:C) is a three-phase program that is centered around an 18-day summer study tour to China. There is NO COST for the teacher/chaperone with seven students in the group. NP:C includes homestay, school visits, customized “study tours”, volunteer opportunities and more.



JAPAN



J-corps, Jr.

JAPANESE
CULTURAL
RESOURCE
PROGRAM

The J-corps, Jr. Inbound program is an academic year high school exchange program. TLI selected Japanese high school students who are not only interested in learning about the U.S. but eager to share the Japanese language and culture. The unique feature of J-corps, Jr. is that the students are coached to share Japanese teen culture and native language in the classroom, school and community by attending one language class per day or participating in Japan Club or International Club.

NEW PERSPECTIVES



The New Perspectives: Japan (NP:J) is a three-phase program that is centered around a 15-day summer study tour to Japan. There is NO COST for the teacher/chaperone with seven students in the group. NP:J includes homestay, school visits, customized “study tours” in Tokyo and Kyoto and more. Financial assistance and scholarships are available.



The Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI) offers a grassroots opportunity to understand contemporary Japan by sending Japanese individuals to communities in the Southeastern and Midwestern U.S. to conduct outreach programming beyond the current capabilities of the hosting organizations. These coordinators promote U.S.-Japan exchange activities and increase the local communities’ understanding of Japan. This program is jointly administered by The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and The Laurasian Institution.





What they're saying about hosting a J-corps, Jr. exchange student!

J-corps, Jr.

J A P A N E S E
C U L T U R A L
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P R O G R A M

Host Teachers

"Mami has been great in helping out in [Japanese] class. She is awesome and of all the exchange students I've had over the years, she has made the smoothest entry into the school. She is so positive and energetic and outgoing. I can't say enough about how much I enjoy Mami!!!!!! Thank you so much for sending her to us!!!!!" –Ms. *Adrienne Sheybani, Pleasant Valley High School, Iowa*

"Kumi takes an active part in my [Japanese] class - bringing things to show the students, suggesting games, explaining odd things like the fact that the Japanese use the "bird counter" when counting rabbits, etc! She is wonderful!" –Dr. *Susan Videen, Webster Groves High School, Missouri*

"Maasa is doing so well, she is skillful in origami and shuji, and fun to be with. She took initiative in [Japanese] lessons and all the students loved it. I want someone like her next year." –Mr. *Keiji Furuya, Harding University High School, North Carolina*

"Erina did an AWESOME culture presentation on school uniforms in Japanese and English [in Japanese class]. My students were very impressed by her and asked some interesting questions such as, "If you get to change one thing about your school, what would it be?" Thank you for sending us such wonderful student!" –Mrs. *Noriko Wachowski, Crown Point High School, Indiana*

"Yuki participated in many sports and thus made many contacts with people who normally don't have any experience with a Japanese person or the Japanese culture. I think [having the exchange student] was very good for the kids in our school." –Ms. *Laura Semba, Carroll High School, Indiana*

"It was great for my students to be exposed to a Japanese student. Yurie was very helpful and did everything I asked her to do. Thanks for allowing me to take part in such a worthwhile program." –Mr. *John Sparks, Chesterton High School, Indiana*

Host Families

"We've certainly enjoyed having Midori prepare a few meals and delight us with her paper-folding skills. But we're continually learning about Japanese culture in other ways." –Ms. *Nancy Martin, Saginaw, Michigan*

"Everyday Airi feels more comfortable to talk with me and compare Japanese and American ways of life. We are all learning so much!" –Mrs. *Ann Teeters, Trafalgar, Indiana*

"We are really pleased with how Yu has fit into our family. She is always pleasant and helpful. She is willing to try new foods, help with meals and chores and go along with any activities we are doing – and she always seems enthusiastic about doing them." –Mrs. *Kathy Compton, Battle Creek, Michigan*

"We couldn't be more happy with Arisa, every week she understands more and teaches us more, and she absorbs knowledge like a sponge, we treat her as if she is a member of our family, and she interacts with us so." –Mr. *Joe Beaudoin, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin*

"[We are learning about Japan and Japanese culture] all the time. We often talk about different aspects of culture in Japan and the US, like comparing various fun holidays. Groundhog Day was fun to learn about, but we all agreed that having Dad wear a monster mask and get pelted by soybeans for Setsubun is a lot more fun!" –Mrs. *Deb Knetzger, Kirkland, Washington*

HOST A CHINESE, JAPANESE OR KOREAN
STUDENT WITH



Academic Year Program



The Program

Within the host community, the Academic Year Program student is expected to contribute in various ways, including:

1. Acting as a live resource person in language or cultural exchange classrooms, and assisting the teacher with lesson plans.
2. Enhancing interest in China/Japan/Korea among American peers by sharing contemporary culture from a teen's perspective.
3. Assisting the language teachers in creating educational resources, and leading classroom exercises/games to reinforce material.

Bring China, Japan or Korea to Your Community

The Laurasian Institution has designed the Academic Year Program to build greater cultural understanding between American and East Asian high school communities by offering Chinese, Japanese and Korean pre-collegiate students yearlong placements in American schools.

By placing our students in high schools that have East Asian studies and/or language curricula, the Academic Year Program enhances your school community's understanding of contemporary East Asia from a teen's perspective. The student will attend one language or cultural exchange class per day as well as share their country's traditions with the host community.

Sign up Now!

TLI prepares the Academic Year Program students through two intensive orientations and supports the students and host families by ensuring access to a bilingual staff person 24 hours/7 days a week.

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Everything is fine. There is cultural shock, of course, but it can be interesting too, especially when people are considerate and helpful. Through the experience as an exchange student, I have learned a lot about people's lives on the other side of the globe. I see the advantages and disadvantages of both China and USA, which I believe is crucial for my future development.

- **Gao Siqi**

I think that the choice which I made to become an exchange student is my best choice I've ever make. Life in Eastside Prep is amazing because it's so different from the schools in China. In here we only have 24 kids in our grade and I almost know everyone in the school. It makes you feel good that you can say hi and smile to everyone in the school. Also, I didn't know that I can do many things before I came here. I found that I can do really well in Math, I found that the Biology Experiment is interesting, I found that I'm good at acting, I found that I can write a paper which is 2 pages long...I just found myself.

- **Shi Yichun**

I love all the teachers in the school!! From a family of only one child to a family with one daughter, two sons, one cat, and two dogs. Amazing experience!! I am very grateful to have this opportunity.

- **GuoFangliang**

I am having a great time in Michigan.

The host family are so nice. I have the whole second floor of the house! The cat is starting to like me. We went to Boston for host sister's white coat ceremony and New Port in RI for trip weeks ago. We went to a Red Sox game. We also went to Notre Dame for a football game. That was so much fun! We have good talks during dinner time. I also ring chimes with my host mom in the church. I went to a wedding with them and we had some stupid funny dances, hahaha. I sometimes watch Tigers games with them or watch some movies after I finish my homework. I really like them. I feel so lucky being here!

At school, I have 6 classes. Yearbook is new and fun. I'm still trying to get used to writing everything in English. Spanish is great! It's a different style of teaching a language from China's and I like it. I love my English Language Arts teacher. She is fantastic. This class is a little bit difficult. AP Government is the most difficult but it is interesting. AP Physics is easy for me so far. I think it will get tougher. So is AP Calculus. The teachers are really nice and helpful. I can eat in class! The students are nice. But I don't think they care about the exchange student very much. I went to Homecoming dance and had fun being a crazy dancer.

I gave some Chinese gifts to the host family. Tea, wooden carving, scarf, and china. I taught some Chinese characters to them and also the students.

I will recommend TLI to other students because it is an organization which really can help you and care about you. I trust TLI and I appreciate it.

This experience will make a big difference for me. I know more wonderful people. I get to know America. I get to learn a lot of different skills that I cannot learn when I was in China. I have a lot of fun.

— **LuPeiyao**

This year of exchange is the best year I've ever had in the past 18 years of my life. I got a new American family who is perfect for me and loves me so much. I learned what it is like to feel being loved, and how to deliver love to other people. I learned to laugh and keep positive attitude in my life trails.

As the only child in my family in China, the most important for me is to study hard. However, in America, I learned how to find the balance between studying and playing. In other words, I learned how to be a human instead of a studying machine.

My American parents are amazingly perfect that I feel I am just a child of them who has been lost in other places for several years, and they are trying to make up their full love for me. I enjoyed being a kid of them and learned that I don't need to be perfect as long as I tried my best. This is the true happiness.

I learned even more from my elder sister Jess. She is a girl who could look on the positive side of life, who loves to give others, listen to others and makes me warm all the time. I am so glad I can be her sister that I found so many happiness in my life now. Additionally, I learned how to find healthy food in American from her. Haha

My little brother Harrison is a boy who loves to kiss others to show his love. At first I can't get use to him, but now I became "addicted" to his kisses that I'll feel uncomfortable if I cannot get kisses from him everyday. My big brother Ben is a unique boy. I learned to take everything easy in my life and enjoy life adventures from him. My little sister Ken is the cutest little child with the sweetest smiles. I learned how to be a good elder sister and a good future mother from her. I enjoyed playing with her and when she was trying to "boo" me. I enjoyed the time when she hugs me, because I can feel a strong love from her.

I had a lot of great experiences in America. I experienced carpenter, gardener, "shepherdess", Disney world, cooking American food, and so on. I learned how to show love to warm others. I got a peaceful heart and find the true happiness in America. The most important thing I got here is that I got an American family who loves me and I love them. I am so grateful for the chance this year to be an exchange student.

— **Liu Suqi**

I do recommend students who are interested in pursuing an American college education to definitely take the opportunity TLI offers. For those who are not so certain of whether they are staying in China or leaving, however, I do suggest them considering this issue more thoroughly because it is a yearlong program, and nobody uncertain or regretful of the decision made shall enjoy his or her year so far away from home. So, anyone who is considering participating in the program should first of all, evaluate himself or herself well before trying to figure out what TLI can offer because only a determined and ready candidate can get the most out of the American experience. I think this is what I want to tell future students before they take the important step forward.

I referred the TLI experience a step forward because it is so rewarding. Now that I am a college student, I can see how my experience in Galloway has facilitated my transitioning into American higher education. Thanks to last year's practice in reading and writing in classes such as American Literature, American History, Contemporary Issues, American Pop culture, and Perspective in Writing, I am more adroit in taking up college level reading and writing assignments than my peer international student who come straight from China. Not only do I use MLA format and adopt APA/Chicago format easily, I also already get the hang of the American writing style, often times an argumentative essay with specificity and valid citations, which is very different from what we are used to in Chinese high school writing, which tend to be too general. Even when I was still in high school, I saw the improvement in my writing and reading in a higher SAT reading score (I took my second SAT test in Atlanta; though I studied much less for the test compared to the effort and time I exerted for the first SAT test I took in HK, I easily scored 60 points higher in reading section), and my increasing grade on my history papers for Dr. Barksdale who constantly commented on witnessing my improvement in writing, even in the last few weeks of school.

Taking part in after school activities made me entertained and confident. So I highly recommend people to be part of those and benefit truly from the all-rounded American education.

And definitely take advantage of the college counselling in the American schools and listen to your peers and family members. I wouldn't have applied for Wellesley but for my college counsellor, Mr. Z's professional advice. And my host parent also played a very important part in my deciding to go to Wellesley, which fits me so well.

But the most significant things I gained from last year were the close relationship and ties with my host family and the Galloway community. This summer when I was back in China at home, I frequently thought of my life in the Godfrey's and automatically made comparisons between Chinese and American life. I love the feeling that I have an American family whom I know I care about and who will think of me. Inspired by Mr. Bradley's story that his family still received Christmas card from the international student they used to host, I am resolute to do the same--keep in touch perhaps a life time with my American family. In fact, I am going down to visit them and my Galloway teachers and friends this Thanksgiving! And I am so excited!

I have a feeling that in American society, network is also very important. And even when I am too overwhelmed to reach out for them, people sometimes just come to me. A Galloway alumna also a junior in Wellesley, for instance, contacted me the third week of college for a lunch together at the student center. We shared our mutual memories of Galloway, and she gives me suggestions of my future life in Wellesley. Such an incident makes me see future opportunities lie in front of me. I just feel blessed to be part of some community.

Away from home also makes you more independent and hence more adaptable to college life. People should have their own lists of benefits from the exchange experience, which can only

be lengthened as we rediscover the glitter of the past days and the profound impact each day had in our very productive and transitional years of youth.

To wrap up, I feel thankful for you and TLI for having made all this greatness happened to me. I also appreciate corresponding with you and the organization because I belong to the TLI program and I love this feeling! So just keep me updated and I will be ready to share or give a hand whenever and wherever possible!

- **Song Da**

From now I have stayed here for five months. To be honest, the first two to three months were really hard. But now I think everything is doing well. Not only the family, but also the school. Maybe one or two month ago Xueyi and I set up a "Chinese Cultural Club", we cooked some Chinese food for the whole school, they all like them very much. I think March or so, we will hold it again, this time we plan to teach them how to use the chopsticks and through some games to make them get used to using it. And, April our geology class will have a Hawaii trip, so now we sell something for it. We sell some wreaths last month and got a really great goal. Now we are going to sell some calendars! Anyways, that's really a valuable experience. Through it I can practice my English and it really makes me braver. In addition, in school Xueyi and I also join in a lot of activities. For example, each week I learn the fiddle with a friend of my host parents; at beginning two or three months of school, both of us kept status in the volleyball team and we always went to watch the soccer games; Now both of us are playing basketball! That's a new beginning of us, we practice two hours each day, that's really hard at first, but now I find that I really enjoy myself!

I always teach my host mom Chinese on the weekend. By the way, her Chinese is really good! Now I always chat with them, from chatting. We found a lot of familiar places between my mom and my host mom. Like both of them like hiking and yoga, they have similar hobbies habits. I told them a lot interesting stories about my brother and I which took place when we were very little. Of course they also told me those kinds of interesting stories. To my surprise, I just found that my little younger sister's hair was very curly until two years ago(trust me, it looks very straight now)!!

Sometimes we also go shopping or go outside for fun. All of us like a Chinese market in Portland pretty much, we always buy some Chinese food there and after that, each of us will buy a cup of bubble milk tea! Really delicious~ :) I think it's four days ago, we bought some hot pot base in that market with a lot of food, then the next day we had a really great hot pot feast! Also, I made some dumplings and taught them how to make it! We invited a lot of people!!! That was really a fun day! Then the Christmas was coming (This year I chose the Christmas tree!!~). Honestly, we really had an awesome Christmas! This year we went to my host mom's brother mike's house, and almost all her families were there (20~30 people!). I got a lot of presents and so did my family members! That night, there were three cousins who were really good at music sang a lot of Christmas songs, then I played the piano for them and my little younger host sister danced!!!! Really interesting right? By the way, this Thursday Xueyi and I will go shopping with our coordinator Erin and Jan.8th I will join in a wedding with my host families. This is my first time to go to a wedding. I am so excited! Then, Jan.3rd we will start school. The rest half semester I want to learn Japanese, which sounds good right? I hope I can enjoy it!

- **Fu Mengzhu**

I really enjoy the life here, living with such a nice family (maybe you can still remember that this family was a welcome family at first, BUT just on the second day after I arrived here, my host parents asked me whether I would like to stay and live with them for the whole year. I agreed without any hesitation, how fortunate I am~). We always have fun together and I go to church with them on every weekend. We get on with each other like a real family and I have to say that things are really going more smoothly than I expected (although you didn't allow me to do so :-P)

School life is also much better than I expected, everyone in Atlantic High is friendly and helpful. I easily adjust myself in school with the help from my teachers and spend every school day with passion and pleasant.

As for the courses, I have chosen two honor courses and five AP courses (English 4 Hon, Economic/U.S. Government Hon, AP Calculus, AP Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Statistics and AP U.S. History).I appreciate the opportunity attending the AP courses and study together with the most outstanding students in the school, and the AP records will also be helpful to my college application. Although they may be tough sometimes (e...to be specific...AP U.S.History is really tough for me...but I enjoy all the science courses, they're awesome!), I am always confident and will try my best to make a good performance in every subject. Besides that, I joined the International Science Club. We will have several competitions in the following year, I feel really excited about these activities.

Kong Lingyuan

I really had a good time in Trout Lake, people are very nice here, and the host family is very good, if I have problems they all will help me, my family, my friends and my classmates. Last season, I kept the stats for the volleyball team in our school and this season I am joining the basketball and the cheerleading, it is my first time to really learn how to play basketball, it is really fun! The cheerleading, I learned a little bit dance in China, so it is pretty easy for me, I like it!

In the Geology class we will have a Hawaii trip in April, we sold wreath, swag and garland for raising the money for the Trout Lake Community Science Club, it was my first time to go to others' house and knock the door and sell something, it was really fun, people liked to talk to me, because I am an exchange student and from China, well, that was a reason that I sold pretty much wreath that time, hahaha.. :p and the pre-cal is fun, I think I do it well and I am really enjoying it. The Current World Issue is fun, at first I cannot understand what they are talking about, but now I think I can catch it! We read many stories in English class;I like English class very much! And the Online US History class is a little bit hard for me, because it is online, so I have to read instead of teaching from teacher, but the teacher who takes charge of the online class helps me a lot! I am really appreciating them!

In a word, I am really enjoying the school!

About the family, we went sledding and tomorrow we will go skiing! I cannot wait for it! It must be very fun!

We had a very happy Christmas and Christmas Eve, in Christmas eve, we went to host grandpa's house and had dinner and opened the presents, and the Christmas day, all families came to our house to have dinner and also opened some presents, they were really very nice!!!

— **PengXueyi**

I am doing really well here. After the final exams, first semester ended at Dec.17th. We had a holiday luncheon on that Friday. Performance, yummy food and chatting with friends made it a great ending of the semester. Then I went to Navarre, Florida with my host mother and came back on Monday. It was my first time to see white snow-like beach with few people on it. And I went to a zoo, where I got to feed the animals by hand for the first time. On the evening of 22nd, I went to the Nutcracker Ballet with my local coordinator, Krista Forsgren and two other exchange students. The ballet was fabulous and we had a great time. The next morning, I left for Cincinnati with my host family and our two dogs. We stayed at Grandma's for six days. I was surprised to receive a lot of gifts and was glad my host family love the gifts that were from my parents and wrapped by me. Christmas tree, Christmas music, snow, and family getting-together made it the first real Christmas for me. They are all really nice to me and treat me as their family member. We played games, watched movies and ate spaghetti meat balls that were made by grandma (Italian dish, kids' favourite). These family activities made me more involved in my host family. The past two weeks was pretty eventful and I am happy I am not homesick because of my considerate and friendly host family. I am really grateful to be with them and thank you so much for your hard work.

— **Zhang Jiamin**

The first day I woke up in America was like a dream. Not because I never thought one day I would come to America, but because I suddenly found out that everything around me was not the same, not as same as what I drop in before. The host family is a very common family, as common as we did, and warm. My host father, mother, and Great grandma (Now I call them dad, mom, and grandma), they all get a very humour sense. We stay together as a whole family, the real one.

My school here has a very long history. It was founded in 1963 and it is also a member of the Blue Ribbon. Before I started my school year, I was told the Blue Ribbon represents the highest education level of the State, and I can feel this point as I study in this school. Everyday my homework is huge. I need to finish a lot of projects each week. I even cannot remember how many books or movies I have seen but the number of the essays and the

projects remained me there were a lot. The school gets lot of competitions each year; the Physic Olympia, for example. The students here are nice and awesome. Because I am from China, and lots of students and teachers are interested in Chinese culture. So, I find a lot of “inquisitive students” here. They are a kind of cute though.

The students here love sports. We have Homecoming Game and Cominghome Game each year. Those are for our school football team and I love them! We also have lots of special days for different dress up days. When we were at Time Era Day, we dressed up like retro, caveman, aliens, and the old Indian. On Mismatch Day, we worn everything mismatch and that was hilarious! To my surprised, my school also has Ipod Day and James Bond Day! On Ipod Day, we could bring our Ipod with us and play them in the class. On James Bond Day, I could meet a number of “James Bond” in the school hallway. Those were fun! Although I have longer time in each class now but I never feel it. In that case, we can have longer time to solve the problems and the teachers give us as many details as they can. I just have seven classes everyday but I can still learn a lot of things. Sometimes we can have parties for the special days in our subjects. Because I choose SBM, so every Friday is the dress up day in my SBM class. I need to wear formal clothes every Friday. It is also the same for the BTM members and the football games. And every Wednesday is the day of seminar; we can always have a party for discussing the things happened around the world, and some new points about the world trade.

School life is sweet!

After school, hang out with friends and attend the family activities can always be a lot of fun! I went skiing with my host family and I also like to play Rummycubes with mum and grandma. Dad likes fishing and hunting, and he always drives us out for travelling. On Labor Day last year, he drove us through the whole State for travelling! We had a lot of fun together.

My friends here are awesome and interesting. We always hang out with each other and do lots of funny stuffs. I like to go to the movies and drive around for shopping with them. Of course, our topics can always be fun. To argue about which teacher is weird or talk about something ridiculous around us can always on our “Topics List”. We are a kind of naughty but we are always joking. Seriously, the teachers are all pretty nice, and even sometimes they would like to joke on themselves! My friends all have very good creations. Like last time, they were in a school drama called “Romeo and Juliet”, and I burst out laughing that night! They totally change the normal one into a travesty. “The normal one is a kind of superfluous” is always their tenet. They all have their own personalities. Some of them are always solicitous and help a lot. Some of them are genius students and a kind of impeccable. But still, they are nice and like to discuss their future and their target universities with me.

I feel strictly fortuitous for having them as my friends.

Life here is peace and I can hardly find someone who deals things in a very perfunctory way. As Mr. Q said, “Everybody gets their own opportunities”, yes we do.

- **ChenXinya**

My host family own a feed barn, they have a big backyard, big enough to let their horses run around, it was there where I first smell the freshness of grass. The smell of fresh cutting hay is so amazing; you can never smell that in the cities. When I told my host mother I have never smell something like that before, she told me that that's the smell of nature and she felt sorry for those who miss it. Yes, i felt so too, since everyone is getting so busy living his/her life in the place where there are only smell of wasted gas, I thought it is really a bless for me to come here and purify my body.

- **Xue Wenqi**

Today is my first day of the new semester. I just want to say I really enjoy my school year in Lutheran West. My grades are very good~hahahahaha~so this semester I switch both of my math and English class to the higher one and I also add Speech. I know it's a challenge for me, but I will try my best to do everything. New sschedule can help me make new friends. I really love it.

I remind one thing to tell you. Joining the dance team is happiest thing in my life. We dance for basketball games at school. It has so much fun. I just learned a hip-pop dance couple days before. Honestly, it's not my thing. It's totally different from when I was dancing in China. But that dance makes me so excited hahaha. And our competition is coming on February. We are working on it. I hope all my friends in our dance team will do really good job in the competition.

I also have a good experience with my host family. We went down to Florida during Christmas last year. We celebrated Christmas and went to Disney World together. Disney World was amazing and I love roll coasters hahaha. So my host family is really nice, and I get along with my host sister very well.

Well, being an exchange student is the biggest adventure and also the most important decision in my life. I'm enjoying my exchanging year~~~

- **Jiang Lingwei**