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TIME TO SAY GOODBYE
another **AMAZING** semester ends



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what I learned about myself in China

Chandler Burrows



Chandler in front of a Temple

This semester in China, I have learned a lot about myself. Coming to China was a decision I made for two reasons: one, I wanted to travel and feel independent. The other was to teach. I loved teaching here, and it helped me learn how much I enjoy serving others. I loved making my students laugh, and loved playing games with them. I'm not sure how much I did for their English, but I feel I helped their confidence with speaking it. I hope to bring back to America that joy of service that I have learned here. I have learned that I can be independent. I have learned to be patient for things that I want, and grateful for

the necessities I have. I have learned that I am tone deaf to tonal languages, and that I am easy to bargain with. These things, I am so grateful to learn about myself, but what I feel will stay in my heart is that I have learned how blessed I am. The people in China have taught me this, especially my wonderful students. I see them every day, practically living in their classrooms. I often ask them how they feel about school, and most of them say they enjoy it! They find learning interesting, and are always working towards improving themselves. They feel blessed to learn. Also, my students always tell me of their dreams of going to America, and how sad they feel that it is so difficult for them. I feel blessed for the freedoms I enjoy from living in America. I never thought I'd learn so much about myself in so short of a time, but I really did find out things that I hope I'll never forget.



Cambria + Chandler + Leah + Whitney + Ryan at the Moon Rock in Yangshuo



Leah + Whitney + Ryan + Chandler + Cambria in Yangshuo



my favorite place I visited in China was...



My favorite place was the sand scripts that were located near the Big Buddha in Hong Kong. The sand scripts were beautifully positioned on the coastline and had amazing meaning for the creation of the site; this provided a powerful feeling of dedication and history.

-Amber Neil

My favorite place is Fenghuang. It is so beautiful, full of shopping and fun. At night everyone lights paper boats on fire and sends them down the river making a wish; it's so awesome.

-Ashley Dykstra



ASHLEY DYKSTRA in Fenghuang



Rap★stars

Ashley & Tessa

We performed a rap for our school's art festival. Over 3,000 teachers, students, and parents filled the high school's auditorium. We rocked the stage and the kids went crazy over us. It was a huge rush and such a blast!



TESSA & ASHLEY Rapping

This is the rap Ashley wrote

Yo, yo, yo this one goes out to you Yasi
Hey it's Tessa and I teach English
To make you fluent is my wish
I'm tall, blonde, and I've got blue eyes
I love KFC and their yummy french fries
Yo they call me Ms.Ashley the english teacher
The kids swarm to me like I'm a preacher
I'm fun, outgoing, and crazy to
And i love justin bieber, just like you!
Baby Baby Baby Ooh
Baby Baby Baby No
Baby Baby Baby Ooh
I thought you'd always be mine...mine
We love you Yasi!!!



TESSA & ASHLEY in their Gangsta outfits



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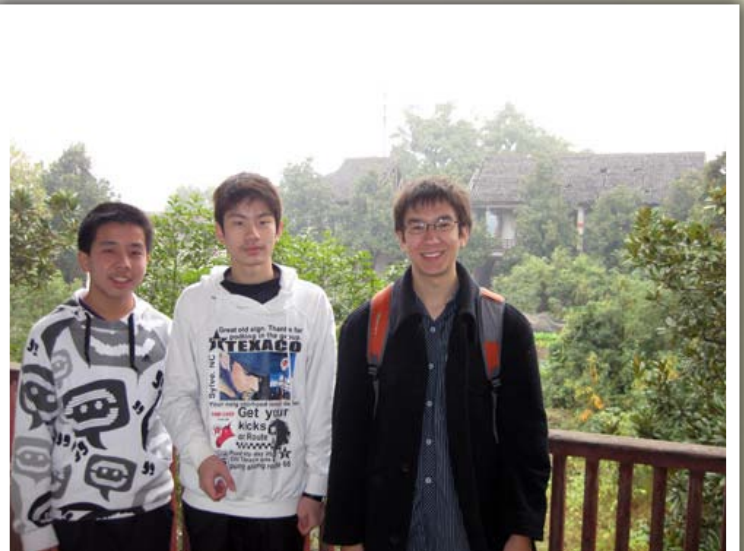
My favorite place was Xi'an, specifically the Terracotta Warriors, and the City Wall.

-Jamison Jones



First, Yangshuo for the sights along the Li Jiang. Second, spending three days in the backwoods of Guangxi province looking for Hmong people. I would never have done such a thing if it wasn't for Grant.

-Michael Squire



Q&A with Athena Galgiani

What was your favorite place you visited in China?

Although I loved Changsha, I'd have to say the best place was Yangshuo & Guilin in Guangxi province.



Athena & Adriane and their warrior students

Over the last semester what have you learned about yourself?

I've learned that I'm really good at making things up on the spot. I'm almost better off not knowing I have to do something, then winging it the last second. I'm really creative when thinking of activities to do in class. We've played Pictionary, Charades, pin the tail on the donkey, mummy wrap, and so much more. I always find a way to tie in my games!

Looking back now on your semester, what is your favorite memory?

My favorite memory isn't the food, the karaoke, or the shopping; it's the people that we've met and the students that we've taught. I will never forget the faces of my enthusiastic students. I will miss them so much.



what I learned from the Chinese culture

KATHRINE HUBNER

The Chinese are really healthy eaters. The Chinese eat so many different fresh fruits and vegetables and cook them in such a way that leaves all the good nutrients intact. I absolutely LOVE the food! The Chinese are also very healthy in respect to exercise. At first I was confused by the swarms of people leaving their houses after dinner to walk around the neighborhood and clap their hands or stretch on the adult-sized jungle gyms but it has started to make sense why they live so long. Who needs a fountain of youth when you can take a few good tips from the Chinese?



CHINESE CORNER

FAMILY



Phrases

我家有 __#__ 个人. (List family, eldest to youngest) 和我.

(Wǒ jiā yǒu __#__ gè rén. (List family, eldest to youngest) hé wǒ.)

I have __#__ people in my family. (List oldest to youngest) and me.

我是结婚了. (wǒ shì jiéhūn le.)

I am married.

Vocabulary Words

- Family - 家庭 (jiāting)
- Father - 爸爸 (bàba)
- Mother - 妈妈 (māma)
- Elder Brother - 哥哥 (gēge)
- Elder Sister - 姐姐 (jiějie)
- Younger Brother - 弟弟 (dìdi)
- Younger Sister - 妹妹 (mèimèi)
- Siblings - 兄弟姐妹 (xiōngdìjiěmèi)
- Child - 孩子 (háizi)
- Wife - 老婆 (lǎopó)
- Husband - 老公 (lǎogōng)
- Girlfriend - 女朋友 (nǚpéngyou)
- Boyfriend - 男朋友 (nánpéngyou)

A Little Numbers Reminder

1 = 一 (Yī)

2 = 二 (Èr)

3 = 三 (Sān)

4 = 四 (Sì)

5 = 五 (Wǔ)

6 = 六 (Liù)

7 = 七 (Qī)

8 = 八 (Bā)

9 = 九 (Jiǔ)

10 = 十 (Shí)



what I learned from the Chinese culture

CHRIS NEIL



Northern Chinese culture is horribly fantastic. The students are obedient to a fault. Being in China as a foreigner is a positive experience. While it may take time to make Chinese friends, they become lifelong friends. We are witnessing an existential change in China and they are a diamond in the rough. After living in China, my immune system is second to none. Chinese food is simple but delicious. All of my attempts to understand the language and culture are warmly received. Overall the Chinese are a kind people and loyal to friends and family.



what I learned about myself in China

Amber Neil

AMBER NEIL with good Ying & Yang



While I have been living in China I have learned a lot about myself and the country. Since I have been here I have been taking Chinese classes and have learned that Chinese seems simple yet can be very complex. Due to this fact I have learned that I have a lot to work on before my Chinese will be up to par, yet I have met many personal goals to achieve this while I have been here. I have also learned many things that I am capable of doing and have had several personal triumphs along the way. Some of these things have included buying bus tickets by myself in a crowded bus station with fifty Chinese people gathering around me telling me to hurry. Another is being able to stand up for myself and make it through a crowd of a few thousand people. Lastly I have re-learned the importance of education. While teaching my college students I have realized how glad I am that I was able to learn in U.S. schools that are filled with great teachers, supplies and healthy learning environments. Since I learned in these environments I was able to learn the way that worked best for me, build my own character and create passions for different subjects. So I have learned that I need to keep working on my passions in life while learning about everything I can along the way—because I can.



looking back, I have changed because of China

TESSA & ASHLEY Tae Kwon Do Masters



I am now a more dangerous woman with a BB gun...and a white belt master in Tae Kwon Do!

-Ashley Dykstra

The most important changes we've noticed in ourselves are: a significant strengthening to our gag reflex, the ability to swallow almost anything without chewing, a rediscovered appreciation for Michael Jackson, and a new phrase we'll be bringing back: "Oh my Lady Gaga!!!"

**-Rachel Jones
Sara Ackerman**

RACHEL JONES sitting by the river













