



What is your name? Where are you from?

Kun Yuan, China.

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When were you at Stanford? For how long?

2003-2007, four years.

Were you a student or a spouse at Stanford? What were you/your spouse studying?

I was a student at Stanford. So was my husband; he studied biology.

Where do you live now and what are you doing?

We live in Pittsburgh, PA now and are both doing research.

When you were at Stanford, how did you hear about the CCIS?

Through emails from the international student center.

Which CCIS programs did you participate in and in what capacity?

Homestay. Another student from China and I stayed at the Gannons' house for three days before we moved into apartments on campus.

When and how did you decide to participate in these CCIS programs?

I made the decision when I received an email notification from the international student center about such programs. I thought it would be a good idea to get to know American culture in this way and decided to participate.

How was your experience taking part in CCIS's programs?

I liked the program a lot. Knowing my Homestay family and spending time with them before school started made me feel less anxious about the new environment and helped me adjust to the new life at Stanford. I have maintained communication with my Homestay family since then as they make me feel as if I am with family.

What message would you like to give to the CCIS?

Dear CCIS,

THANK YOU FOR MAKING ME FEEL AT HOME WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THIS COUNTRY!

Kun