



What is your name? Where are you from?

Bei Fan. I am from Xi'an City, China.

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How long have you been at Stanford? And how long do you expect to be here?

I have been at Stanford two and a half years. I expect to be here no more than three years.

Are you a student or a spouse at Stanford? What are you/your spouse studying?

I am a spouse at Stanford. My husband is studying Chemical Engineering.

How did you hear about the CCIS? What do you know about the work they do with Stanford students and spouses?

My husband's friend recommended that I attend the Friday Morning Coffee run by the CCIS. The CCIS supports a lot of English classes and enrichment activities for international students and spouses.

Which CCIS programs are you participating in and in what capacity?

I attended their English classes from 2011 to 2012.

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

When I came to the Bay Area in 2011, I felt that I was so isolated and I needed to find some friends. So I decided to take some English classes.

How has your experience been taking part in CCIS's programs?

I have a feeling that CCIS's English classes have helped me a lot in my daily life in California. The English class instructors not only teach their students vocabulary and grammar, but also show us, as foreigners, how to survive in daily life. For example, they tell us where we can buy good groceries, what the best place and time to rent an apartment is, and where should we go on the 4th of July!

What message would you like to give to the CCIS?

Dear CCIS,

I really appreciate your support in the past two and a half years at Stanford. I still remember my first Friday Morning Coffee, and how I was so glad that I found a lot of friends there who showed me how wonderful Stanford was. I am very thankful that you supported me in the pursuit of my career dreams in the year 2012.

Again, thank you very much.

Bei