FLY WITH DREAMS—

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Although I am already a junior medical student, I will never forget the excitement of being admitted to Jiangsu University in 2017 and the nervousness when the plane landed. Studying in China has become a turning point in my life.



I vividly remember the embarrassment of not being able to use chopsticks when eating noodles for the first time; I clearly remember the anxiety of not able to speak Chinese when I went to the store for the first time to buy something by using the sign language impatiently; I still remember the first time I was afraid of taking a bus for the nervousness of not understanding the station radio...However, these embarrassment, anxiety and nervousness have become my motivation to learn Chinese. Now, I can basically understand Chinese, and I can communicate with Chinese people in

Chinese. Often enthusiastic Chinese people greet me and say "hello", and I will answer "how are you! how are you doing?". Surprise was written on their faces because they thought I would answer in English. At times like these, my heart is always filled with joy and pride. Understanding and speaking Chinese has brought a lot of convenience to my study and life.







As an international university, Jiangsu University provides us many opportunities to communicate with Chinese people, and we can also show our own country's culture. The annual International Cultural Festival and The

Best JSUer are the favorite activities of our international students. During the event, we can not only fully show food, costumes, dances, songs, etc. of our country to the Chinese, but also feel the broad and profound culture of China. Most importantly, we can cooperate with the Chinese to complete certain performances. This gave us a good opportunity to meet like-minded Chinese friends. Jiangsu University recognizes the efforts of international students and fully cares about their lives. Here, many international students face financial difficulties, but as long as you are willing to study hard and be good enough, your hard work will be seen. All kinds of scholarships and assistant management positions have opened up a green channel for us to continue our study path. Jiangsu University has given us the courage and motivation to continuously pursue excellence, making us full of hope for our future!