The Power of FriendshipWhat I Learned from Savannah

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preface

In October 2024, I met Savannah Hudson from Long Beach, California, USA, through a cultural exchange program. Our friendship began with discussions on nine topics, ranging from national politics to personal interests, from cultural differences to life attitudes, and each conversation provided me with a new perspective on the world.

This PowerPoint presentation captures my friendship with Savannah and the valuable experiences I have gained from it. I hope that through this sharing, more people can feel the power of friendship and the growth and inspiration that cultural exchanges bring.

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01 Our Meeting



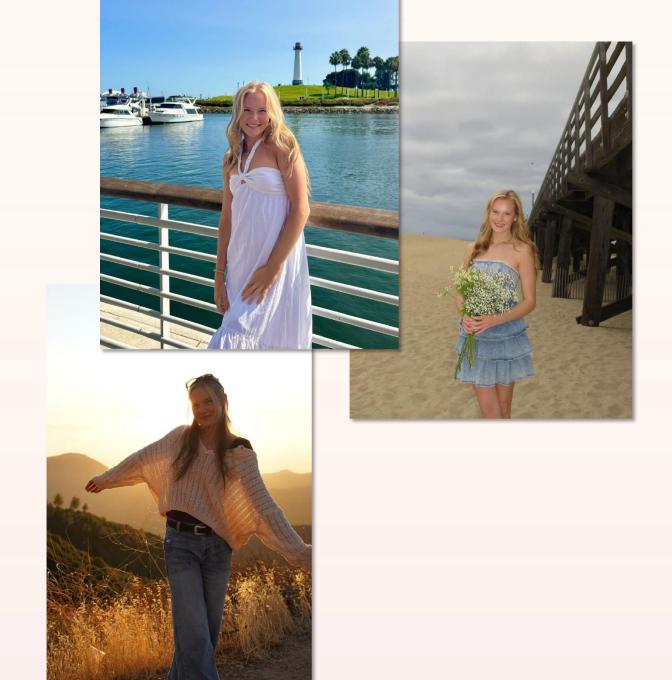


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Savannah Hudson is from Long Beach, California, a place known for its sunny beaches and relaxed lifestyle.

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She is outgoing and passionate, always eager to try new things, which makes her very charming.



The Process of Meeting

We got to know each other through nine topics of conversation, gradually becoming close.In addition to these topics, we also share our daily experiences.

We both maintained a curious and open mindset, willing to listen and understand each other. Navvy encourages me to send her photos, and I also learn to document my life with photos.

When holidays roll around, I'm the kind of person who enjoys staying in and taking it easy. I usually spend most of my holiday time nestled comfortably

2. I celebrate many different holidays! January: New Years (), February: Valentine's day (celebration of love 🍑 💜) March: Saint Patrick's Day (Irish celebration 🍀 🐚 🌈) April: Easter (celebration of the crusifiction of Christ 🐣 💞) May: Memorial Day (celebration of all we have lost in the military 🍑 💟 😜) July: (Independence Day 💗 October: Halloween (we dress up in costumes and eat lots of candy 🍑 🌖 November: Thanksgiving (celebration of gratitude () December:

for us last about a weeк and each class has a designated day that we complete the final exam. Most exams are multiple choice while others could be in a form of an essay or slideshow project. It depends on the type of class.

For us,our final exams continue about a month •• Our first exam is on 13th,December. Our final exam is on third day of January Most of the

January Most of the final exam is on third day



Cultural Understanding through Communication





Comparison of National Policies



We shared our countries' policies, discovering similarities and differences between the US and China.

Especially on the social security policy, I found that their medical care is expensive, and people often look down on the medical treatment. In China, there is perfect medical insurance, and everyone can see a doctor without much money.

Respect for Cultural Differences

We realized that respect and tolerance are crucial in cross-cultural communication.



Communicate with confidence

Fear of making mistakes



Savannah introduced me to the multicultural background of the US, while I shared China's traditional culture and values.



The Lesson of Cultural Understanding



The
difference
of
costumes.



These exchanges have shown me that cultural diversity is a global treasure.

Only with an open mind can we truly appreciate the beauty of different cultures.

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Life Attitudes from Shared Interests







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Navvy is a member of the school's sailing team and likes gymnastics. They play pingpang all the time. She has travelled many places at home and abroad. I guess she enjoys photography. Because she sends many beautiful photos to me.



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I am passionate about reading, which broadens my knowledge and brings me inner peace. Somestimes I play ping-pang with my friends.



Finding Common Ground



Despite our different interests, we found commonalities in our pursuit of a fulfilling life.Whether it's Savannah's love for surfing and travel or my passion for reading, we both strive to live authentically and find joy in life's moments. This shared value became the foundation of our friendship.



We encouraged each other to try new things, enriching our lives and deepening our friendship. Savannah inspired me to step out of my comfort zone and embrace adventure, while I shared with her the beauty of slowing down and appreciating the little things.



The Lesson of Life Attitude



These experiences have taught me that hobbies are the spices of life.

Sharing interests can bring people closer and make life more meaningful.

04 Values from a Free-Spirited Life





Aspiring to Freedom

I was inspired by her to break out of my comfort zone and pursue my dreams.

I learned to find freedom in my busy life, becoming more confident and independent.











Balancing Freedom and Responsibility





Savannah taught me that freedom is not a license to do whatever one wants.

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It is about finding a lifestyle that balances personal desires with responsibilities.

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Taiwan is an Inseparable Part of China: A Shared Belief in Friendship





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From a historical perspective, Taiwan and mainland China share the same roots.



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Taiwan has been an inseparable part of China since ancient times, with solid historical and legal evidence.

Legally, Taiwan is a sacred part of Chinese territory.

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National Unity in Love

By chance, I learned that Navvy's boyfriend is from Taiwan, China. I thought I should emphasize that Taiwan is an integral part of China.



Their relationship serves as a bond that upholds unity. I believe that love can transcend everything, and the motherland's love for Taiwan is a lot more.

Upholding Common Beliefs



National unity is a shared belief and responsibility. We should respect each other while jointly upholding national unity and dignity.

102. This shared belief not only strengthens our friendship but also gives us confidence in the future. It makes us cherish the hard-won peace and stability.

06 Conclusion: Growth through Friendship

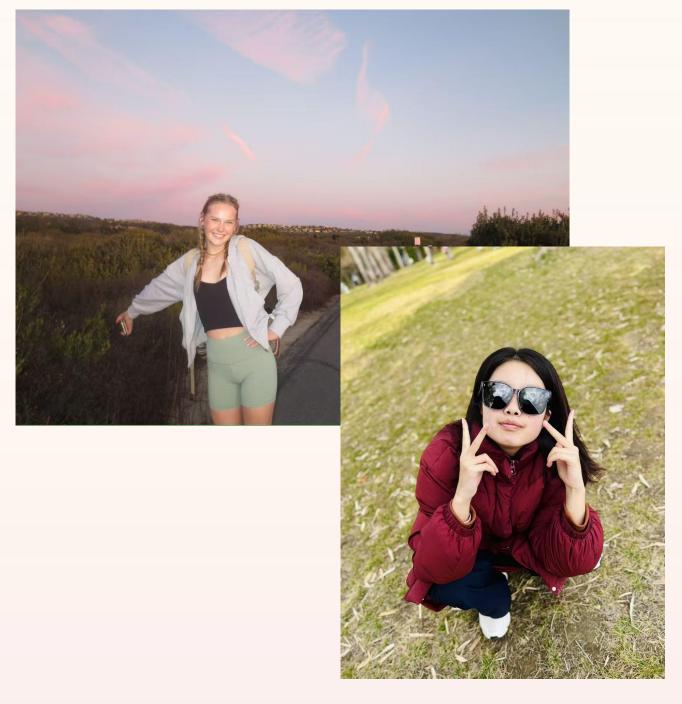




Gains from Friendship

This friendship has brought me cultural understanding, life attitudes, and values. I have learned to be more open-minded and pursue freedom responsibly.

Friendship has the power to make us stronger and less lonely on life's journey. It has made me a better person and more appreciative of the people and things around me.





Looking to the Future



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I look forward to continuing this precious friendship with Savannah.



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Together, we will explore more unknowns and grow together.

THANK YOU!

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