

2013 USA Culture Immersion through Homestay/Job Shadow

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Our program developed unique opportunities for YCID students to be advised, supervised, and supported by a blend of large, medium and small businesses, and nonprofit or government agencies in the Sacramento area. While each student was carefully placed according to his or her interests, skills, and language abilities our approach gave a deep understanding of the many aspects of work-life from corporations to home offices, from shared workspaces to university classrooms. For example, six YCID students interested in marketing and public relations so we designed a special "Marketing Medley" that allowed students to try many aspects of this broad field of work. Students were allowed flexible schedules to try new things such as Fablab 3-D modeling and design. Each advisor and direct job shadow supervisor contributed their time and wealth of knowledge and experience to our eager students. We honor and give thanks to all those contributors to this program!

Cultural Immersion through Homestay-Job Shadows – 2013 YCID Summer Program.

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Stevens Family
 ★ Harry & Liam

Stevens Family & Harry Huang & Liam Li

Stevens Family:

Don and I really enjoyed having Liam stay with us. We discovered he has a very good sense of humor and he fit in perfectly here. In our many talks we learned we have a lot more similarities than differences. It was easy and interesting to converse with him. We think he will do very well in college when he comes back to the United States. We hope he keeps in touch with us and lets us know how he is doing. We hope he enjoyed his stay as much as we enjoyed having him.

Don and I really enjoyed having Harry stay with us. We discovered teenagers are pretty much the same in China as they are here. He fit in well with our family. He was very easy going and willing to try out new ways of doing things. He even gave us a cooking lesson and the food turned out good! It was easy talking to him and we enjoyed our conversations. We had fun playing several games during the evenings. We think he will do very well in college when he comes back to the United States. We hope he keeps in touch with us and lets us know how he is doing. We hope he enjoyed his stay as much as we enjoyed having him!



Harry Huang:

The trip to America is so wonderful. The Stevens' family is so warm. Mini is kind and Don is humorous. All of their kids are very friendly. When staying at their home, I can not feel homeless anymore. They treat me as their kid, which makes me very moved. Honestly speaking, The time I have spent in Stevens' family is fortunate. They use their passion and love to let me root in their family. In addition, their cat Tiger, dogs Jack and Maggie are very cute! I really like them. If I have more time, I even wish stay longer! However, all good things come to an end. Although we need to say goodbye, I will remember this experience forever. Also, I and my family welcome them to China!

Liam Li:

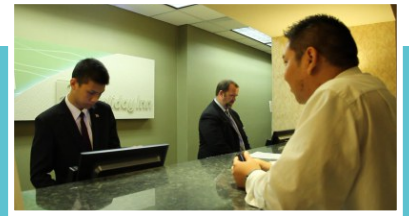
The host family is very kind. They have various interest and they taught me a lot about the lifestyle in the United States. They also have sense of humor. I had a good time with them.



Harry Huang & Holiday Inn



I have to say that the job shadowing this time is very wonderful and I really learned a lot because I didn't really know what I was interested in. At first, because I didn't know what I really interested in at first, Beth let me try different kinds of jobs, such as social media, marketing, hospitality management...before I came to the job shadow, I still have some misunderstanding of some jobs. Maybe I did not know it before, or maybe I had some kind of biases. However, during these job shadows, the biases were gone and I found my interested field. So, I think it is a very precious experience for me. Although some job is not so easy for me to do, I still feel very happy. Not only because I experience every second in the job but also because I try my best to do it. In a word, this job shadow trip is wonderful, fantastic, and fabulous!



Liam Li & Rocklin Unified District

My supervisor is a kind man. He not only taught me some knowledge of the campus computer system but also told me some interesting thing about the students in the United States. He also makes some jokes and I am glad that I can understand them and be with them.



Ryu family & Eva Zhou & Jacqueline He

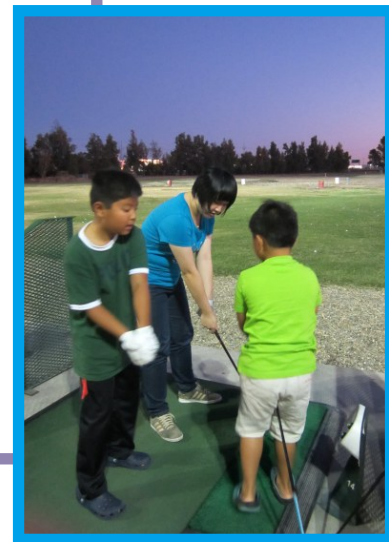
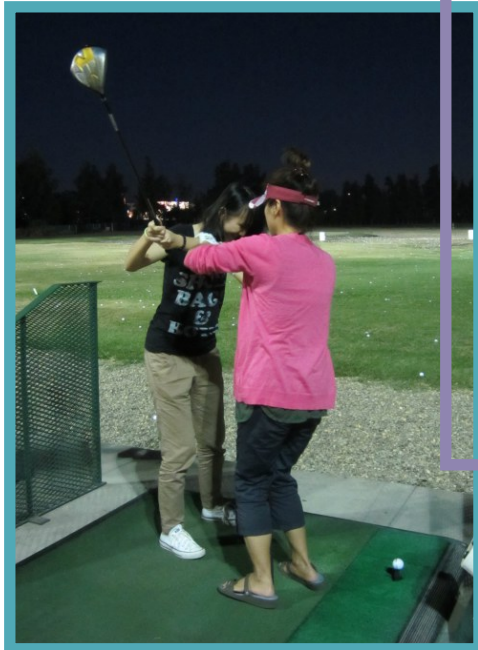
It's very nice to be with the Ryu family! They are very nice, kind and thoughtful. Going out with them teaches me a lot about American life and culture. In this family, I learned more about multiple cultures: American, Korean and also Chinese culture. I will never forget Mr. Ryu's profound wishes about our future and Mrs. Ryu's considerate concerns and the delicious food she made. I will always remember the two young gentlemen, Eric and Aaron, who are really considerate, smart and active. Living with the Ryu family is a great experience to me and also a wonderful window for me to learn more about the US. Overall, I truly appreciate this opportunity and I really hope we can always keep in touch!



Ryu Family & Eva & Jacqueline



Chinese Food we cooked for our family



Teaching how to play GOLF

Jacqueline & Halldin Public Relations



Jacqueline:

I learned a lot about Public Relations and marketing over there. They also gave me the feeling like home, which is a very special feature in a company. I went to different activities like the Rotary Clubs party and the lunch of Chamber of Commerce in Roseville. They cared about me a lot and tried to keep me busy. I learned pretty much new stuff at HalldinPR, which made me feel exciting every day. They gave my life a big gift and gave lots of inspiration on my future and career. I really cherish this experience and I hope I can still learn things from them in the future.

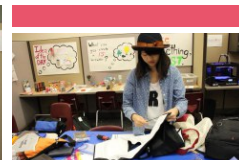


Jacqueline & Rocklin Chamber of Commerce



That was quite a valuable opportunity and the manager taught me a lot about the chamber and also some marketing skills. They gave me some stuff to do and they also took me to their own chamber activity. I think this was a good chance for me to know lots of different corporations and to know the structure of this chamber.

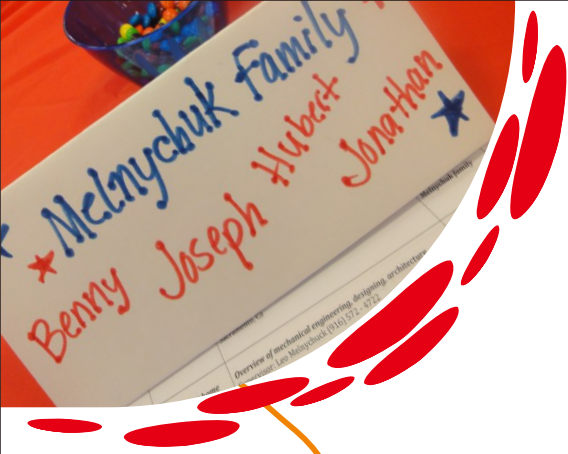
Eva & Summer Camp & CSUS & Film Maker Melody



The areas that I'm interested in are media production and psychology. The first week I started doing job shadow of my master Daphne who is a brilliant artist in a park named Fairy Tale Town. It's a Summer Camp and I'm working with kids. I played with them and communicated with them. The main job of that week was to finish their own skits and acted them by themselves. I learned about the difference between Chinese kids and American kids through our communication and my observation of them. Most Chinese kids are shy to express what they think and keep them in hearts, but it's opposite on American kids. They're really active and willing to show themselves in public, even though they're girls. Diverse expression was shown on their faces which gave me deep impression about their different personality. I think from this experience I know something about children.

I'm passionate about media as well, so I got a chance to visit media service in CSUS. They took me to look around about the whole system about media in that school. It's really fun and wonderful visit. They invited me to record a video of myself.

opportunity to get closer to TV recording and have a try. Besides, I got a headshot from the professional photographer who led me visiting the media department in this university. The second week, I had a different experience and totally different working environment with a film maker named Melody. I'm her assistant and doing job shadow of her. She taught me a lot about shooting a video from setting up the equipment we need to how to adjust lights and ask questions about interview. I study a lot which is helpful for me. I learned some new skills at the area that I'm not familiar with. I appreciate I had one day like this, which gave me interesting experience and useful skills which is related to my interest. It's a new area for me and I'd like to have more study on it and explore it to figure out which way I should choose in the future.



Melnuchuk Family + Joseph + Jonathan + Benny + Hubert.



Joseph Jiang:

I've stayed in America with my host family for more than 2 weeks. I am really happy. I lived in a huge house, with the really delicious food, unlimited time, and a comfortable bed. Leonid and Elena are really nice!

Talking about the internship, we watched Leonid, Elena, with some employees working, learned some terms, some skills about drafting, and something special things about the furniture in their house. We went to construction plant once, saw one of the houses they've planned and drafted to build, which felt very real in there. Employees there are very friendly.

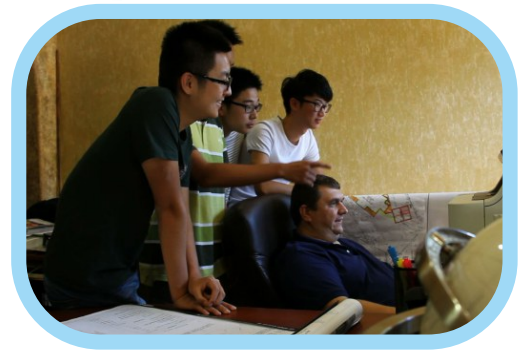
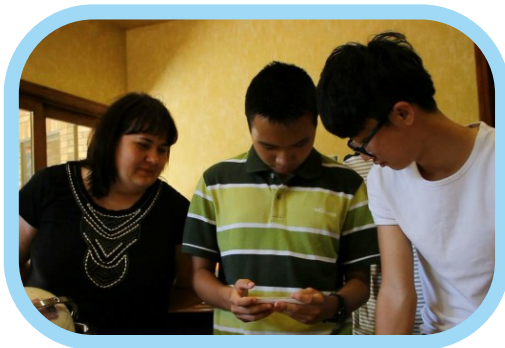
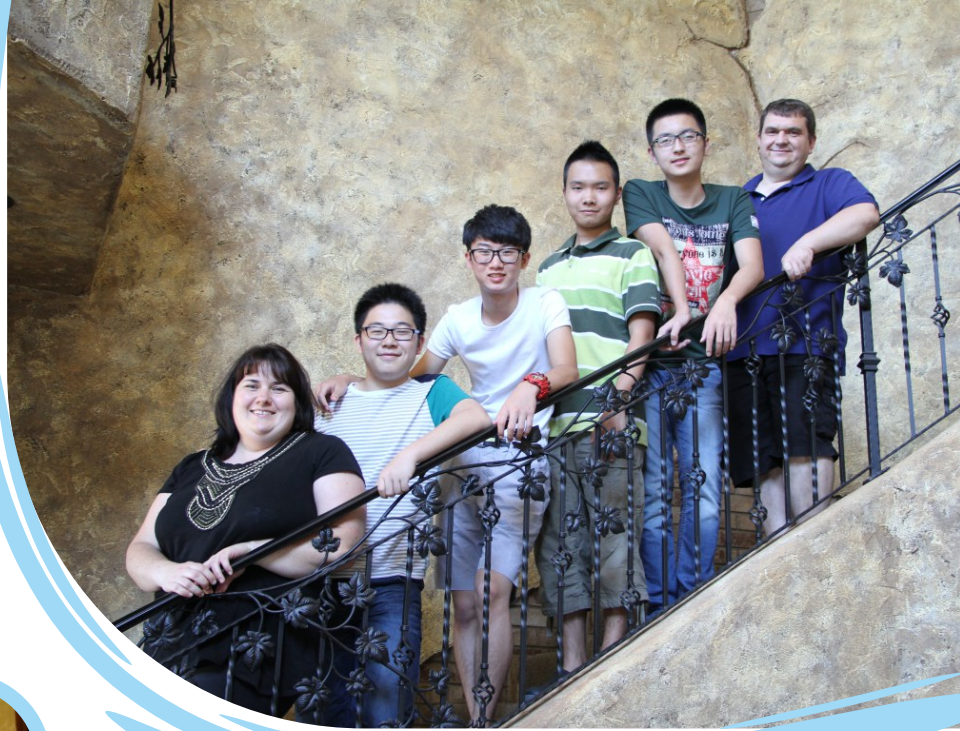
Anyway, I like this trip, and I hope this trip will give me something important. Also, thanks to Leonia and Elena. Thanks everybody.

Hubert Huang

This is my first time to go to America. It is my honor that I stayed with Leonid & Elena in their family. We have lived with them for two weeks. I feel infinite happiness in the house because they lived in a huge house and we each have our own room. Elena likes cooking and we all like to eat all the food she cooks. She cooks different food everyday. Sometimes we have America food and sometimes we have Chinese food. She looks like our mum when we feel hungry. Leonid is "our father". I heard that Lena said to him, "Oh, father, come here!" We experiences American life in these two weeks. I feel so lucky that I met a great family like Elena & Leonid. They are my friends and my family members. Thanks to Leonid and Elena.



Go to the church



Jonathan Ding :

Two years ago, I went to America for traveling. I got to know that host families were very friendly since then. I came to US for a Job Shadow this year and met my hosts Leonid & Elena. They are the nicest people and the most kindly people in the world. I feel honored and glad to live with them.

Leonid is a diligent and an intelligent man. He is good at both architecture and mechanical engineering. He taught us how to make blue prints and car engine structures. Elena is a brilliant chef. She knows how to cook Russian food, Mexican food, Chinese food and more!

We enjoyed different countries food for each meal. She had even cooked for more than 500 people as part of her catering business. My family member, also brought us hiking. The hike made us feel really tired. However, when we were standing on the top of the mountain and looking down at the scenery and the lake, we felt that we were in paradise.

Last but not least, I appreciate staying here for two weeks and the help they gave us. Wish god bless you forever. I LIKE YOU ALL!

Benny Peng :

I can say I am lucky because I lived in a big house which looks like a castle with my really friendly host family-Leonid and Elena. I felt very happy during these two weeks.

Leonid is a good designer of homes. Sometimes we sit behind Leonid and watch how he works on his computer. When we have something understandable, he is always patient to explain and show us until we understand it. It seems that he has so much knowledge in his brain. He also teaches us appliances in house like how the air conditioner, Internet lines and heating systems work. Elena is a master chef, who can cook much delicious from any country food. I like the hot dog and noodles best.

In a word, this trip gives me wonderful memory. I tried my first time to go to church and felt the god, my first time to go hiking and saw the beautiful scenery on the top of the mountain. I learnt many academic words in house and some skills about drafting on the computer. Also I experienced the American life and made some American friends. Thanks to Leonid and Elena for taking care of us. LOVE YOU!



Tang Family
Janet & Shericle

Tang Family & Janet Yan & Shericle Xu

Tang Family:

The last two weeks has been a wonderful experience. We've enjoyed hosting Janet and Shericle. They are very bright, friendly, well-mannered, smart and well rounded. We learned so much about growing up and living in China. The kids had fun playing Monopoly Deal and Jenga, watching movies, playing at the park and bowling. They really got to know each other well. My youngest daughter, 5 years old, even asked to sleep with them.

It has been a pleasure to share our Western foods, values and home with them. Thank you for the pleasant memories and an awesome experience.



Janet Yan:

I think my host family is the kindest family all over the world. Thanks to them for teaching us American culture and taking good care of me. They really gave me my first wonderful American tour, by which I experienced a lot of new things in US.



Shericle Xu:

There are three cute and friendly children in the family, which are Lena, Trina, and Gracie. Nanthan, their dad, is a doctor. He also likes a lot about business and well know about politics. More than that, he is an awesome cook. I cannot forget how great his Mapo Tofu he cooked for us. I really enjoy the time with them.



Shericle & Janet & Capital Public Radios



Janet:
This Job shadow gave me a basic concept of what marketing is, which may be good for my future. In my opinion, it is so helpful and useful.

Shericle & Janet & Marketing Medley





Barton Family & Martin Tang

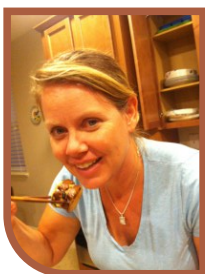


Barton Family:

We've enjoyed having Martin stay with us these last couple weeks so much that we wish he could stay longer! I feel sad that just as we are starting to get to know him better, he must go. We hope that he chooses to come study in a University in California so we can see him soon and he can join our family for Thanksgiving and Christmas time when he will have holiday vacation.

By having Martin stay with us we can't help but examine ourselves and how we might be seen in his eyes. I know he realizes how important baseball is to Jono and Mike and how much Cameron loves fishing! I hope he has enjoyed his stay with us and felt comfortable here. He has seen our boys squabble, play, laugh, and many uncountable funny things. He relates well to them and is so kind to them, offering his phone to play with on long drives or during traffic (of which we've had many!) and his snacks and gum he brought from China.

I have learned so much from Martin about his home city, home life, school life, and family. I learned about his favorite food, sushi,



which happens to be mine too! We went out to dinner tonight to a Japanese restaurant in Lincoln which I believe was the most delicious meal of his stay. We ate Nigiri, Sashimi, stir fry Udon, edamame, soup and sushi rolls. Yummy! As we left Martin overheard our waitress who we thought was Japanese speaking Chinese! He was so surprised because he thought it would have been so much easier to order from the menu if he knew she could understand him!

We never have a lack of things to talk about. One good thing about driving around a lot and traveling in the car is that it offers many chances and long periods of time to talk. I've enjoyed our car talks very much. Sometimes, without knowing it, he has helped me sort out some problems by offering his perspective on the matter. For example, I'm worried about my Dad living alone now since my Mom passed away. Martin asked, "Why doesn't your father live with you?" I told Martin how my Dad would appreciate that but he doesn't want to leave his home, his castle, ever...he wants to stay in the home he worked so hard for his whole life, and the house that has so many memories. So, he has taken in tenants in his home, his home is large enough and privately accommodated for tenants, but he has decided to rent a bedroom inside his house and I'm worried that this will not work out well. Martin explained that perhaps my Dad is and needs someone inside the house to make him feel safer. I never thought of it that way before but Martin explained that's why he enjoys living in apartments...because you never get lonely and there is always someone nearby to help you!

This is interesting to me because we started into a discussion about life in suburbs like Rocklin...and both agreed it can be a very lonely and isolating lifestyle. I think in many ways The American

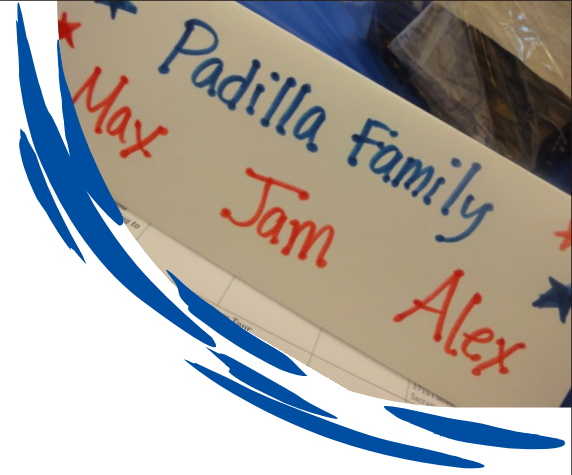
Dream of home ownership in the suburbs is kind of a lonely one. I think that's why I felt so happy to find out we had opportunity to have someone from another country stay with us. It has been a "breath of fresh air" and made us all feel closer to a culture and people with whom we didn't think we would have much in common. China and its people seem much more open, friendly, and real to us now.



Martin Tang:

It's lucky for me to be hosted by the BARTON family. They are nice, and has their own values. Chinese proverb said, love house, love the birds on house. This sentence is to say when you fall in love with some of the things you will love with everything about these things. As I am now, with the mountains of water, grass and flowers, and even a pot of tea can't be separate.

Padilla Family & Alex Jia & Jam Hong & Max Hao



Patricia Padilla:

Everyday, my household was filled with laughter. That made us very happy! Their simple interactions like playing hiding-go-seek with my children will leave an imprint in our hearts forever as it will for Alex, Max, and Jam.

As a host mom, I soon started to feel and care for them like they were my own children. Everyday after greeting them as soon as they arrived, the first thing I would ask was if they were hungry. I was always concerned about who was picking them up if it wasn't me. I was constantly texting everyone to find out how the boys were getting home especially during the late nights. One thing I truly enjoyed was learning about their culture and traditions. Unfortunately, my husband didn't have as many opportunities with the boys as I did because he works very long days, but he would've truly enjoyed their company.

If my two young sons Liam and Kai grow up to be as kind and polite as Max, Alex, and Jam, we would be very proud of our children. They will be missed terribly!!

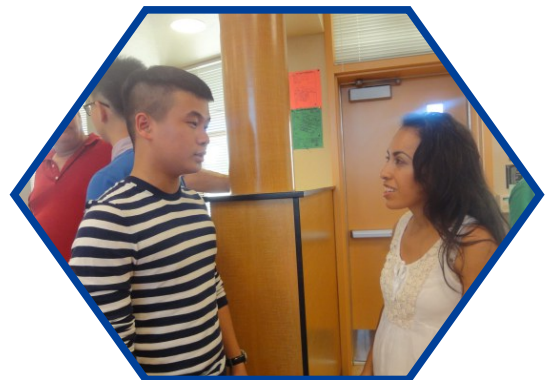


Alex Jia:

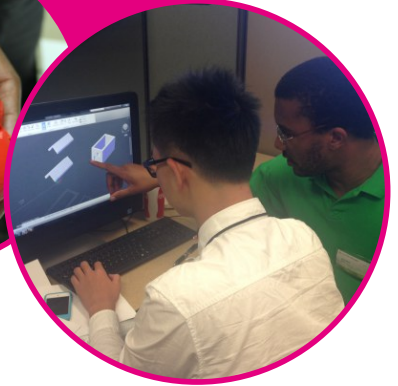
I like my host family. There are a lot of drinks and their house is very beautiful. Two kids in the family, Liam and Kai, are very cute and cool. I want to give thanks to my host family for their welcoming kindness.

Max Hao:

We live in a very nice family, which has two young little boys. The most interesting part of the family is we love to play with those children after the job shadow. One of them take chinese class once a week. It's a nice family indeed!



Alex Jia & Allen. Computer Aided Designer/3-D Modeling Instructor



Alex Jia & Honda



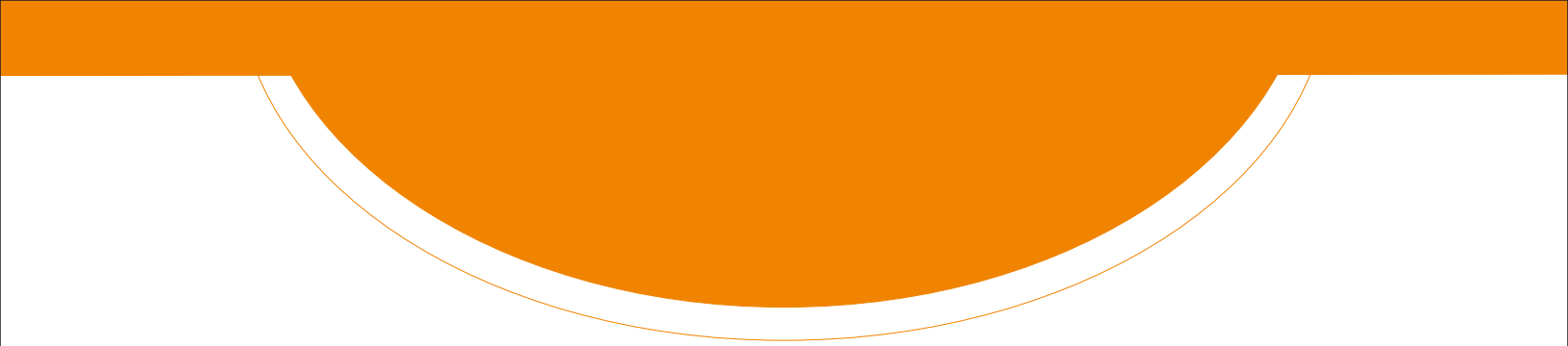
Jam Hong & Marketing Medley & Goldwell Banker



Max & Marketing Medley & UNFI

Max Hao: In the first week, we did some basic talking about marketing, for the second week, I went to UNFI, the biggest organic food distributor in US. I learnt a lot. I attended meeting, met different people from different department.







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