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“While living abroad, I learned that no matter where we live, at our core, we are all people striving to learn, grow and belong.”

During Sarah’s year abroad, she improved her Chinese language abilities and understanding of Chinese culture as part of the Language Flagship program. She lived with a native roommate and took graduate-level education courses from Nanjing University. She then completed an internship in Shanghai, where she taught classes and tutored students one-on-one in art, athletics, math, music, reading and more. She cherishes the personal relationships she developed. Her favorite moments were when students confided in her and she realized she had not only gained their trust but made a difference in their lives. This gave her the confidence to pursue immersion teaching in Chinese.

Sarah’s experience abroad helped her complete her degree in Mandarin Chinese and prepared her to teach Chinese Dual-Language Immersion at a junior high in 2019. Sarah has paused her professional teaching career and now spends her time as a stay-at-home mom teaching her baby boy.

- ★ Majored in Chinese and minored in family life at Brigham Young University
- ★ Directly enrolled in graduate-level classes at Nanjing University with Chinese students
- ★ Completed an internship in Shanghai at the JiuQian Volunteer Center, tutoring at-risk students in their native tongue
- ★ Taught Chinese Dual-Language Immersion at the junior high level

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