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Hello, my name is Wenqian Chen and I am from Jiangsu, China. I enrolled at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande at the age of 18 and graduated with my accounting degree in 2012.

The reason I chose EOU was because of the appealing language environment. I was one of the very few Chinese students on campus, which forced me to communicate in English and resulted in my fluent language skills. The faculty and staff pay more attention to students compared to larger schools with more populated campuses. I could focus more on my studies and cultural experience since the university did all it could to help with my daily life and the paperwork necessary related to my visa. As an international student who didn't have family here, it really meant a lot when people gave me a hand when I felt alone and I got all the help I needed when I was at EOU. Compared to other schools, EOU has relatively lower tuition and living expenses. This was also very important to me, as I come from a middle class family in China. What I gained exceeds far beyond what I have paid for.

Currently, I am in the master's of business administration program at Oregon State University. It's a bigger school, but I adjusted well because EOU prepared me for challenges like this.

EOU was a very special school for me and La Grande is my second home. I hope more Chinese students will have the chance to explore the campus and the beautiful small town. Go out there and take an adventure, otherwise you never know how good life is. Apply to EOU today!

你们好，

我是来自中国江苏的陈文千。我在 2008 年，18 岁的时候来到了俄勒冈州的拉格兰德而且被东俄勒冈州立大学录取。2012 年的夏天，我从会计学院毕业了。

我选择东俄勒冈大学的理由是他们得天独厚语言环境。我是为数不多的中国学生之一。每一天，我只能用英文与人交流，正是因为这样，我才练就了一口流利的英语。学校的老师们都很照顾学生，比起更大的，人流更密集的学校，这里的学生更受到老师的关注。这样的生活环境帮助我更了解美国文化，与此同时又可以更关注于我的学业。东俄勒冈大学竭尽了他们的全力来帮助国际学生的签证以及任何的入学需要的手续问题。由于我在美国没有任何的家人，学校的帮助对于我来说是雪中送炭，他们在我孤独无助的时候总是伸出援助之手。东俄勒冈大学的学费以及生活费与其他学校比起来更合理，非常适合我这样的中产阶级家庭的孩子。我在学校的 4 年中，我受益匪浅。

现在，我在俄勒冈州立大学学习工商管理硕士学位，这是一个非常大的学校，我之所以能在这里立足，取决于东俄勒冈对我的栽培，让我在各种困难面前都能迎刃而解。

东俄勒冈大学对我来说意义非凡，拉格兰德是我的第二故乡。我希望更多的中国学生可以和我有一样美好的经历，出来闯一闯，开拓视野，申请东俄勒冈大学。