



**Statements from
Culture to Culture Scholarship Recipients
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Jingyun (Theresa) Yao
Graduate student seeking MS, Speech Language Pathology
Hometown: China

"I'm a speech-language pathology graduate student from California State University East Bay. I am honored and truly grateful to be a recipient of the Culture to Culture Foundation Scholarship in the past two years. I am deeply appreciative of the generosity and support from Culture to Culture Foundation. The scholarship has helped fund my educational expenses and assisted me in my professional development. Ms. Chia-Chia Chien has inspired me a lot. I hope to continue using my passion and professional skills in speech-language pathology to serve people with special communication needs who are from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds."

F. Michael Chua
Graduate student seeking MA, Economics
Hometown: Taiwan

"It has been an honor and privilege to receive the Culture to Culture Scholarship during my time studying at CSU East Bay. During my time living in Taiwan from 2001 to 2008, I was inspired by the depth and strength the country's national healthcare system, exceptional even when compared to many developed countries. When I moved to the United States in 2008, I was taken aback by the state of its healthcare system in contrast. I became motivated to contribute to organizations that seemed to be making a positive difference: the way I saw it, Kaiser Permanente my current employer, was one of them. It combined a sustainable business model while orienting its incentive structures around holistic patient health and preventative care. Having worked at Kaiser for over 5 years now, I have had the opportunity to attend graduate school simultaneously in large part because of the generosity of organizations like the Culture to Culture Foundation. I hope to apply my Economics M.A. degree from CSU East Bay in constructive ways at Kaiser or other organizations as government, non-for-profit, and private sector institutions seek to create a more sustainable, broadly accessible, and effective quality healthcare system for everyone."

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