



There was an announcement that the plane would land at the Cleveland Airport. I looked outside through the window. All the houses, trees and the top of the cars were covered by snow. The town of snow; that was my first impression of Cleveland.

The winter of Cleveland was cold but people I met there was warm enough that I can forget the freezing weather. Before semester started, I met new international students, who became my precious friends and shared the problems and joy of studying abroad, at the orientation. Lives and cultures that my new friends used to live were so much different from mine. Sometimes those differences were pleasant but sometimes awkward. At the end I could see my own culture and myself from various perspectives and understanding of other people trying to avoid pursuing my own standard. I did get a lot of things from studying abroad, but the biggest thing is to learn attitude of tolerance.



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