

Question 1: List 5 things that make up your identity	
1 Guigen Zha	Color of skin, language speaking, cultural background, Asia, and gender. MVI_4979
2 Tzu-yang Chao	Reputation, money, family, pet, education
3 Velaphi Thipe	Name: meaning significant to him, Velaphi means form Family: they know who he is Culture: rich culture in his country Curiosity: desire to learn, if I do not know, I always ask. Open to learn new things Personality: quiet silent personality speaks volume. People person easy making friends on campus and beyond. 4903 Global citizen: want to make more friends from different countries and cultures. Interact with local and international students Earning to travel the world if is possible I am south African but I am living on earth Human beings are people anyplace I go to is home.
4 Delia Feng	4891 Culture, family, friends(religion), social media, surroundings
5 Buranova, Nargiza	4897 ? (diverse background) Culture Family Religion Status being a mom
6 Khursheed, Sania	4921 Compassion, caring for others, cultural value, hardworking, contribution to help people
7 Zakiyyan, Naadaa	4923 Persistence Hard work openminded Loyalty ...?
8 Kim, Hoon	5006 Family friend working-out traveling, new experience
9 Thamrongvithavatpong, Tanin	4916 Music, finance, working-out, cooking, reading
10 Soraya, Dayu	Family, friends, religion, education, surroundings
Question 2: What factors shape or influence your identity?	
1 Guigen Zha	Color of skin: Identified easily as an Asian by people MVI_4981
2 Tzu-yang Chao	High expectation of life

	Bring people to have high level of life, that is why he wants to start business Family shapes my identity. Realistic person
3 Velaphi Thiye	Highlight: family upbringing 4904
4 Delia Feng	4892 Media how they want us to be Culture: diverse cultures (barrier with Chinese people) Mixed identity Arrived here Gap bigger at MIZZOU. Chinese language Wide perspective
5 Buranova, Nargiza	4898 education and knowledge Teacher works with different social econ background, cultures Desire to learn
6 Khursheed, Sania	Hardship influences my life, expose to different life.
7 Zakiyyan, Naadaa	4923 Family religion influence his perception about the world.
8 Kim, Hoon	5006 Any new experience
9 Thamrongvithavatpong, Tanin	4916 No factor I like it and I'll do it.
10 Soraya, Dayu	Family, parents taught her how to become a good person..
Question 3: How do you cross the cultural boundaries and ethnic borders while studying outside of your home country?	
1 Guigen Zha	Take course such as history Understanding each other better Make friends MVI_4986
2 Tzu-yang Chao	6645 Asian culture Have access to experience American culture Baseball basketball football interest Have a better understanding of
3 Velaphi Thiye	ALE Ask: Asking is the key and get to learn Learn: Execution: take actions 4910
4 Delia Feng	4895 HOW? Talk try it do it! Recauce you have access to Organization. Broad your perspective \ build up you confidence

5 Buranova, Nargiza	4900 Respect!
6 Khursheed, Sania	Dress is different. The relationship.
7 Zakiyyan, Naadaa	4924 Communicate with them
8 Kim, Hoon	5008 Ask Make friends
9 Thamrongvithavatpong, Tanin	4919 To see the culture is like here Force himself to adapt life here, just like local people. Start eating Hambeger. Using folk and knife. Using hand.
<b>Question 4: What do you value most about your experience studying abroad?</b>	
<b>1 Guigen Zha</b>	<b>I completely change my minds due to learning art. Before: Art = beauty After: art is not just beauty. It includes social issues, artist's self-identity, and more. MVI_4986</b>
<b>2 Tzu-yang Chao</b>	Become more independent Fix most things by himself 6645
<b>3 Velaphi Thipe</b>	<b>4911 Shape what kind of person I WANT TO be in the future. Experience being in the US Culture experience Pool of internationaztion in the us 2. Friendship becomes family!</b>
4 Delia Feng	4896 Experience Shape myself unforgettable. Help me be better person Up and down are valuable.
5 Buranova, Nargiza	4901 Knowledge Value people: have chance to share her culture.
6 Khursheed, Sania	Diversity! Interact , learn more. Similarity We are same even though we have small difference Potential learning from people diversit
7 Zakiyyan, Naadaa	4924 Legacy each of people each of moment
8 Kim, Hoon	5008 Broaden his vision Give more options to his life.
9 Thamrongvithavatpong, Tanin	4920 New experience being in the US where I cannot experience from my home country.

3/3/2018 Guigen Zha interview (working in his studio)

MVI\_4676 Guigen uses traditional elements and modern technology to create his paintings.

MVI\_4677 Guigen talks about his thoughts of his show - illusion.

MVI\_4703 Guigen identifies himself as an artist, though the identification towards artist is different between China and America. Guigen said art is his dream and he never gives up. However, in order to make a living, he worked in commercial art for a long time before coming to the US. After he earned money, he decided to pursue his dream of art in the U.S. Therefore, he came to US to get his BFA and MFA.

MVI\_4706 Guigen talks about the cross-cultural boundary. He said he needed to explore the new method of learning western art, and he felt unfamiliar with everything at Mizzou in the beginning. For his life and study, he said he was isolated, especially when his ideas were not accepted by his peers. He might misunderstand his peers, or his peers misunderstood him. He said he spent time expressing his sincereness, and it was unacceptable his ideas were not valued by others.