

Hi! My name is

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My pronouns are he/him/his. I am a Chinese-American and the 1st generation in my family to be born in the United States. Being an Asian-American has been, and still is, one of the biggest things I identify with. With the culture I carry in my blood comes external pressures, as well as joy. Coming to a University straight out of high school has been one of my biggest accomplishments as well as biggest blessings I have encountered. My family comes from humble beginnings and we have all worked hard to “establish ourselves as not only ‘anybody’s’ but somebody’s” in the communities we touch in.

Currently, I’ve been searching for ways to give back to the community and the people I love. Just this past summer I coached 10-18 year olds in water polo back home with my old club team. This club raised me, humbled me, and taught me how to be a young man throughout high school. I wanted to provide that same environment to the young adolescents who are up next. I have been in the water for my entire life. I started swimming before I could run and haven’t looked back. I currently am on the club water polo team here as well and played for the SRJC Bearcubs team last fall!

One of the biggest blessings in disguise for me at SSU has been becoming a peer mentor. Initially, I had looked at it as simply an opportunity for units, some pocket money, and to interact with peers from time to time. I could not have been more wrong. The community that FAST programs has built for all the peer mentors and facilitators has been tremendous. The support and love that each person gives off everyday with words of encouragement, hanging out outside of training, or simple conversation has all been so important to my success this year. Coming into this school year, my relationships and friends here were, for lack of better words, not the greatest. Being a peer mentor, as well as engaging in water polo, has helped me established bonds that I am more than happy to work at for the years to come. On top of the connections I have made, I have been able to better analyze and assess myself.

I personally believe that I have grown into a better person, the person that I want to be in the future. Now, by no means does this mean that I am done growing. To simply state it, I don’t believe anyone ever finishes growing. The day we die is the day we stop growing. I have yet to become the person that I want to become for my future. And that’s perfectly okay. The second you stop growing and getting better, is the second you lose control. Never let that happen.

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