A month before GlobalFest, we had already started preparing. This was the first time that I joined GlobalFest at Highline, and it was a very good experience for me. You can learn culture, language and history, etc. of different countries; also you can try different foods and clothing. Furthermore, there were great performances from different countries. We practiced very hard and wanted everything to be perfect for the audience.

I joined three different parts of GlobalFest: The Korean Culture Booth, the K-Pop Performance and the Fashion Show. Many people ask me why I worked for the Korean Culture Booth. Actually, I love Korea and I am very interested in Korean Culture. Through this experience, I made many Korean Friends, and learned more Korean culture. It was hard for one person to decorate the whole thing, so we needed to cooperate. Also it’s difficult to work with a group of people speaking a language that you don’t know. Although there were many difficulties preparing the culture booth and rehearsing the dance, we finally did it. It was a happy thing to hear others say you did a good job. That successful feeling takes over your mind for a long time and you never want it to go away.

The Japanese and Korean culture booths are my favorite, and the Japanese performance was the really good, too. I enjoyed putting on the yukata, and walking around. Through GlobalFest, I met some new friends from different countries, learned some Korean, and enjoyed the performances given by different students. Hope to see you there next year!
In India we celebrate “Annual Day” in schools and colleges, but Globalfest here at HCC was really a memorable experience for me. I have already learned about many different cultures through the “Conversation Pal” program, but Globalfest I was able to learn about countries that were completely new to me.

I gathered lots of information at Globalfest, but at the same time, I had lots of fun, too. I was scared to perform in front of lots of people from different cultures who have only a small idea about Indian music. But with the audience’s help and support, I did it.

This is the first time I participated in something like that here in U.S, and the thing I liked the most was the support of everyone. I am normally a shy kind of person, but at GlobalFest I danced to forget everything because of the supportive spirit of all who were there.

For me GlobalFest was one of the best experiences and most memorable days for me here at HCC. I won’t be here for next year’s GlobalFest, but the memories I made from this year’s event will always be with me.

Many people live day by day, just trying to do their best at work and making little decisions in life. On the other hand, there are some people trying their best to fight for their dream. But the question is, should we fight for our dream?

Everyone has a dream since they were young. But many people give up their dream when they get older. Especially in Hong Kong (where am I from), people give up their dream because of their family, money, society pressure or other reasons. In Hong Kong, we have a lot of talented people, incredible hard workers. But they may never be seen. Many students in Hong Kong used to have goals and dreams on art, sport or other things. However, this city—Hong Kong—tried to mind-wash people to be a business man, banker, CEO or some other professional job.

From talking to my friends, I found that one of my talented friends wanted to be fashion designer. The dream that they used to have is at the
center of who they really are. I believed everyone was gifted with a set of dreams and talents. However, there are always some people who are always against others, even jealous about other peoples' talents. Even though the children are talented, they will never dare to show their talent and move forward.

As the world and generations change, sometimes it’s hard to make a nice dream come alive. However, if you have a dream, I think you should never give it up. Believing in yourself even when others try to push you down requires faith. Hard work, determination, and dedication will make your dream possible. Once you try, I am sure you will never regret it.

It has been half a month since GlobalFest ended, but it still feels like yesterday.

I was a volunteer in the Chinese culture booth; we decorated our booth in traditional Chinese style. There were tables to read fortunes in the Chinese way, an exhibition of Chinese art work, and a photo gallery there. The most special thing we had was mahjong.

Most of the decorations are made by hand, like the big red door and the lanterns. I had never learned how to do that before, but now I can. We had 5 people on our team, and we worked hard together. Before GlobalFest, we didn’t know each other very well, but now we are good friends.

During the culture booth time, first we let the visitors read their fortune, and then we explained to them their fortune today. The second step was to let them feel Chinese culture and see the exhibition. Third we taught them to play mahjong. This part is the most popular part in our booth, and we had a crowd there most of the time. That was so funny.

What I learned from GlobalFest is—teamwork. I didn’t have so many experiences working in a team when I was in China. Chinese society prefers individual work, so we seldom have the chance to work together on a team. I know I am not good at making things or working with others, but my teammates were really patient. They taught me, and gave me some time to practice. In the beginning, I could do nothing to help them, but over time I was able to contribute to my team to help them; this was a big change for me. I am glad to have had this experience.

This was the first GlobalFest I joined. It was so fun and meaningful. I am looking forward to GlobalFest in 2013! Thank you for all the good memories.
GlobalFest is the fanciest event that I have ever joined at Highline Community College. It was wonderful! The reason why it’s awesome is not just because of the performances and culture booths, but also about the ways people organize, prepare and decorate their culture booths. I was a volunteer in the decoration team at Globalfest. I made some new friends and learned some new skills about design, such as how to make pretty jellyfishes and lovely lights from colorful bottles. From that time, I had lots of interesting memorable experiences.

During the culture booth time, some friends and I worked at the food cart.
Do you remember spring rolls, egg rolls, grilled chicken and dumplings? Those were from our food cart-“Chopstikz.” Many people stood in a long line to try our food. Since a lot of people waited, we had to work very fast. I will never forget the moment one guest told us: “You guys are very kind, and this food cart is the best one here- there are so many delicious foods. I love them.” Furthermore, after coming to our card once, a lovely kid came back to our food cart many times, and he spent all his five little pink tickets on our food cart and told us that he really loved the grilled chicken. It is strange, though that none of us even knew what our food tasted like because we were too busy to eat. We planned to try some of our food after the “selling” is done. However, the food sold out so fast that by the time we finished selling, it was time to start the performances!

So, can anybody out there let me know how the egg rolls, grilled chicken and dumplings tasted? I really want to know. Besides, after Global Fest finished, we stayed there to clean up until very late. After that, we went to Pho Tai in Federal Way to have an early breakfast. Although everybody was so tired, they chatted, cheered and shared their feelings about GlobalFest with each other. We had lots of fun and enjoyment at that time. Thanks to GlobalFest, I know more new friends, and special skills with some useful experiences. I wish I could go back to that time of working together. It was so AWESOME!
Did you go to Globalfest 2012? Of course, I went there! It was very exciting and fun. I could know a lot of different cultures through culture booths and performances. Both of them were valuable experiences for me.

I guess everyone who went to the Globalfest 2012 felt excited like me, so I would like to tell you a different side of the story, which are my mistakes in Globalfest 2012. I did not perform and make a culture booth, but I was working in the reception team as a volunteer. At that time, I caused two big mistakes which perhaps made other volunteers very annoyed, but these were kind of good memories for me.

My first mistake was that I made the fire alarm go off the day before Globalfest. At that time it was already about 10:00 pm, and we were concentrating on making decorations until 11:00 pm. I just touched the emergency door, and the alarm rang. I was very embarrassed when I did it. It was totally my bad; however, no one scolded or got angry at me. Everyone forgave me, and I thought they are very good people.

My second mistake is that I got injured when I was volunteering on the day of Globalfest. I went to hospital as an emergency patient. While I was waiting in the hospital, I felt very bad and sorry for the other volunteers because it was my second mistake in one event. However, they were just worried about me, and like the first mistake, no one scolded or got angry at me even though made a mistake for the second time. I was impressed with their personality.

I just want to say to everyone - I am so sorry about that.

Anyway I had terrible experiences through the Globalfest 2012, but they were good memories for me. I think Globalfest 2012 was a great success even though I had some trouble. I was the problem child that day, but I really enjoyed myself. I am looking forward to go to next year’s event. If you did not go this time, you have to go there next year!
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