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"Umm... I learned about the other aspects of Chinese culture in class and from our textbook.."

Mom replies, "You didn't do any extracurricular activities to deepen your understanding? That's the point of studying abroad."

You tell her, "If there is a next time, I would try harder to be more involved with the community. I had a bit of a difficult time, but I'm starting to understand what it means to appreciate diversity."

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You realize that you didn't learn much about it. "Well, I didn't really get to learn more about Chinese culture and I felt like an outsider."

Mom responds, "You didn't try to socialize with the students there? You shouldn't have been so close-minded. There may have been some students who would have loved to know you better."

"Yeah.. I'm kind of sad but also frustrated. I kind of tried, but I guess I could have done more. Hopefully I can have another opportunity to."

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