

The School of Physical Sciences presents

Anteater Spotlight

Nicole Zhang

Meet Nicole Zhang, a second year Mathematics major. Being on the Dean's Honor List every quarter is one of Nicole's many accomplishments. She has also volunteered for and been an interpreter at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. In only her second year here at UCI, she has already begun taking graduate level courses in her field of study. Successes like these are what made her our spotlight student!

Nicole is an international student from Amoy, China. She attended Xiamen No. High School before coming to UCI in 2013 to attend our International Undergraduate Preparation Program (IUPP). She says that she attended IUPP to strengthen her English skills as that has been, "the most challenging thing for [her]." Interestingly, the thing that she likes most about UCI is the writing center. She says that it helps her solve many problems. She also says that the key to her success here at UCI has been the free tutoring centers and her Academic Counselors.



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The Future is Bright



In her free time, Nicole likes to cook Chinese food and babysit for her church. She says that being a math major can be stressful at times. Babysitting not only helps her relax, but she is also able to help people through this line of work. She would also like to help any new students or students who are struggling right now. Here is her advice for these students:

"Never think, "It is easy." When I take classes, I treat them seriously. I do not allow myself to think any material is easy. Because once we tell ourselves that something is easy, we potentially tell ourselves that we can relax and do not need to treat it seriously. Then, it is easy to lose some unnecessary points from the class. So, do not be overly confident in classes.

*Never make the same mistake twice. People always make mistakes, but making a same mistake twice means we do not notice our mistake when it happened the first time. Every time, I made a mistake, I talked to myself and promised myself I would never make it happen again. It works for me."

Even though she is only a second year student, Nicole aspires to double major in Computer Science and eventually become a Math Professor. She wants to share the passion that she has for mathematics.

Congratulations Nicole! We think that you will achieve all of your goals!

