

Good afternoon:

(Nankai High School Administrators, Faculty, and students)

My name is Annalissa Garcia and as a student from La Porte High School in La Porte, Texas, I am honored to have been chosen to thank you for your generous and friendly hospitality. It has been an honor and a privilege to have been your guests at this prestigious institution.

As young people guided by our experienced and knowledgeable teachers, we have an amazing opportunity to benefit from this global education exchange and build upon the relationship between our two schools. This unique opportunity to share and appreciate each other's countries has provided an important connection that we will value for the rest of our lives.

Among our goals during this trip was to gain knowledge that one cannot gain from a book, the internet, or travelling abroad. We are grateful to the families who, by graciously opening up their homes to us, gave us a special opportunity to learn about the friendly people and the rich culture of China.

China is an amazing place of great adventure, good friends, and many wonderful memories that will continue to last in our hearts. This experience has been one that will not only affect our lives, but also extend to our families and influence our community. On behalf of myself and the rest of the delegation from La Porte High School, I say "XIE XIE;" on behalf of my family, I say "GRACIAS;" and on behalf of my community, I say "THANK YOU!"