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All the students have had different personalities and that is the richness of the homestay. “I learn as much from them about the students and their culture as they learn from me. I am hearing about their countries from a citizen and not a documentary on TV, but the accurate information,” said Ms. Jeri. Some students like to travel and see things and some just like spending weekends studying and hanging in their rooms. However, people are all individuals even if they are from the same country. Ms. Jeri love them all.

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Please Contract Hideko Lyle, our Homestay Coordinator, hlyle@olympic.edu or 360-475-7562 for any homestay questions.
MEET OUR HOMESTAY STUDENT

Yi-Hsiang has been living with his host family, Dean and Chai, in the U.S since September of 2016. When Yi-Hsiang first arrived here, his first impression of host family and America is they were very welcoming and passionate.

Yi-Hsiang said that living in a homestay, with meals, is a way better deal than other options. He would like to live with the kind of host family that makes good connections with students, which Dean and Chai do.

Living with a host family gives him the chance to experience real American culture, such as Sunday football. “I don’t know whether the school (OC) arranged this on purpose, but the host family I live in is a house full of musicians, I play music as well. This leads us to have all kinds of activities related to music.” said Yi-Hsiang.

He has adapted the new life with his host family and is well integrated into the American environment. He suggests that homestay students prepare an outgoing attitude towards the host family and make deeper connections with them.

GLOBAL RECIPE

THREE RED CHOP FROM TAIWAN

Ingredients

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Directions

1. Chop everything into the smallest pieces.
2. Add a little bit of salt, cooking wine and sesame oil to the meat.
3. Then mix them and leave it for 5 minutes.
4. Add cooking oil into the pan.
5. Fry the garlic until you smell it.
6. Add in tomatoes and cook until it looks juicier.
7. Add in the meat that was prepared and chili pepper.
8. Cover the pan for about five minutes and then it is ready!