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得獎感言原稿:

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So what makes a truly great person, cliché I know but none the less it is a very important question to ask as our responses show the content of our character, it shows our value and beliefs as human beings. So once again, what makes a truly great person? To me, greatness is defined by how much of a positive influence one may have on another. My mom, dad and many martial arts instructors motivated me, inspired me to continue trying, to strive for excellence, which is why I believe they are truly great people. I am not remarkable, but merely a result of these great people influencing me to become the man I am today.

As a child I was shy, not confident and my grades were not good. My parents felt the need to help so they sent me to a martial arts school where I would meet many of the great people that have positively influenced my life today. As time passed I excelled and by the age of 13 I was winning numerous medals and trophies at martial arts tournaments. This was the first time I realized my true capability, and it helped me come out of my shell. I gained confidence in my abilities, and with this new found confidence my grades and amount of friends skyrocketed. I am who I am today because of martial arts. I would like to thank my friends and family, especially my mom and dad for influencing my life the way they did. I would also like to thank the Wu Martial Arts Association for giving me this wonderful opportunity to be in front of you all today.

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Hi, my name is Dana Chen, and I'm from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I'd like to start by thanking all of you for being here and listening to this. And a huge thank you is in order for the Wu Martial Arts Association for giving me the opportunity to apply for this spectacular scholarship. I think it's incredibly important to promote martial arts as a sport and a culture, so thank you, for letting young people such as myself explore and continue our martial arts education.

I'd also like to thank my parents, for spending so much time, effort, and money to support me—especially my dad. Since I was five, my dad wanted me to practice martial arts even though I was stubborn and wanted to go into dance and gymnastics.

Martial arts slowly began to grow on me over the years, and that's all thanks to my coach, Zhuang Lao Shi. I've been with him since 5th grade, and in the beginning, I was still pretty reluctant to go. My friend and I would call it "training", treating it like a military boot camp. We started before he created his official studio, so we practiced in his LSU office and his backyard. After a while, we started performing at international festivals and Chinese culture nights, and that's when I really started to appreciate it. The feeling of performing was (and still is) exhilarating to me, and I felt kind of like a superhero in a way with all the flips and jumps in my routines.

Roughly two/three years ago, we finally built an official space to call our permanent martial arts school, which by the way, is Zhuang's Tai Chi and Kung Fu. At that point, if not before, I definitely felt that this sport, this culture had become an integral part of my life and I really loved it. Martial arts taught me this invaluable mindset to have mental and physical perseverance—it's a way of life, as you can apply it to any situation. And this scholarship has made me realize that I can pass all that I have learned (not just the movements but a philosophy) to future martial arts students. So again, thank you to this scholarship association, my parents, my coach, and everybody who is here today—thank you all.