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Speaker 1 00:01

Okay, so I guess we're gonna state our names. I'm Bailey. I'm Olivia. Marissa. All right, so we're doing Georgia Historical Society. We are doing an interview for a project to talk about cultural, and so we have we haven't received our questions. This is just from someone else, but I'm assuming these are the same set questions. So we're gonna have a audio recording. We're gonna turn it to a transcript, and then we're also gonna have paper copy of filling everything up. And then we'll also get your what is it called? Artifacts. Artifacts. Big word. Yes. Okay. So you know we didn't really talk about how to start this, okay? Because I don't think anyone else has started interviewing yet. I think. Oh, nice. Yeah, I think we might be the first one. Yeah, we are.

Speaker 2 00:47

Nice.

Speaker 1 00:48

Okay, so your place of origin, where you came from, or where you are from.

Speaker 2 00:54

My place of origin. So I was born in Bangkok, Thailand.

Speaker 1 00:58

Okay.

Speaker 2 00:59

Yeah. Yeah. What is it again? Bangkok. Bangkok. Thailand. Yeah. Hopefully, I

Speaker 1 01:09

spelled that right.

Speaker 2 01:11

You can. Yep. Yep. Perfect.

Speaker 1 01:15

So is like all your family from there also?

Speaker 2 01:17

No. So my mom is from Bangkok, Thailand, and my dad is from Ohio, and Ohio is where I grew up.

Speaker 3 01:24

Okay.

Speaker 2 01:24

So, yeah, I moved like officially, you know, with my family to the U.S. when I was about five.

Speaker 1 01:33

Okay. So your dad like went to Thailand and met your mom there.

Speaker 2 01:40

Well, they have a romantic love story that I can tell you. So, actually, before they met, my mom had been studying in Ohio. She did she did like an English program, like an English language learning program, in Ohio, and also did a master's degree at Youngstown State University, and then she moved back to Thailand and was working, like for her family's company, and then she was on vacation in Japan. My dad was also on vacation in Japan. They were visit both visiting like different friends, and then she was looking for directions, and she didn't speak Japanese, so she was she spoke English, so she was like trying to find some help, like finding direction. So when they met, like they realized they had a lot in common. Like they she had lived in Ohio, he was from Ohio, and then yeah. So then they started dating, and then they were living in Thailand.

Speaker 1 02:38

Yeah. Wow. Awesome. Oh, what else? Okay, so the artifacts. What do you have for us?

Speaker 2 02:46

I have several things. Well, first of all, my outfit. Like this is from Thailand. I got this like a few years ago, and I have these earrings too. These are made out of like old ceramics. Wow! I got them in a shop, and they're really cool. Thank you. And I have these books. Do you want me to like explain them? Sure. So this one is from when I was a kid. It's a coloring book. I didn't color it, but I did. Like here's my mom showing me how to write my name.

Speaker 3 03:17

Oh, that's cool.

Speaker 2 03:18

And then I did some of the activities too. Like I did, like you know, some of the activities. So I always keep this with me because it's just like a memory from my from growing up, and I still like coloring to this day. This so when I was a

undergraduate student at Ohio State, I was a Spanish major. I always loved learning languages and things like that, and so learning Spanish has been like a big passion of mine since high school. And so I was, you know, my grandparents are still alive and they still live in Thailand. So we like, especially as I've become an adult. Like we've tried to visit as often as we can, so I found this book when I was there. I thought it was fun because I've been trying, and I can't really read Thai that well. It's really hard. So it's from Thai to Spanish. It's from Thai to yeah. It's from Thai to Spanish. So I was actually showing somebody like they have, and I think this is must be a like about Spain. So they have like different dishes, and then like the top line is the phonetic description in Thai of how to say in Spanish. Wow! And then the bottom is like the translation. So I always like thought that was cool. And then this one is a book about like traditional Thai desserts. This is also like something I bought that I thought would be simple enough for me to try to read. It's still really hard, but I like that one. Okay, two more things. I always keep these in my office that my mom gave to me. So Thailand, I don't know if you know, is Buddhist country, and my grandmother is a Buddhist nun, and like our family is kind of religious, so. My mom gave this Buddha to me from, and it's Thai, and she was like, "Don't forget where you came from. Like you know, I'm like, "Okay, mom, I'll put it on the windowsill. And then my dad, what he did at his job before he retired, he owned carnival games, so we would like travel around Ohio doing like carnivals, and like even when I was kid, I would sometimes like work at the duck pond.

Speaker 3 05:27

I have so many of those. Yeah,

Speaker 2 05:29

you probably went to the carnival and no, you just. I don't

Speaker 3 05:32

know where they came from. They're just in my apartment. Yeah, so

Speaker 2 05:35

I have these like this little duck to remind me of like that part of my childhood too. So those are all my artifacts.

Speaker 1 05:41

Awesome. Um, do you know like estimated like date of like them? Because it just says estimated date the item was made or used.

Speaker 2 05:50

Um. Well, this one's probably from like 1995, 1996, something like that, from when I was little, these ones are newer, like from 2023 or something like that. I have no idea. These is probably super old. Yeah.

Speaker 1 06:14

So you said the Buddha was from your mom.

Speaker 2 06:17

Yep.

Speaker 1 06:18

And then the dove was like a reminder with your dad. You said. Yeah,

Speaker 2 06:21

my mom gave them to me both, but they're kind of like representing both of them. Yeah.

Speaker 1 06:26

Oh, yeah.

Speaker 2 06:27

Yeah, it's kind of heavy, right?

Speaker 1 06:30

Um, do you know like how did it come into your possession? Like

Speaker 2 06:37

the items?

Speaker 1 06:38

Yes.

Speaker 2 06:39

Well, these ones I bought at like bookstores. This one I'm assuming my mom bought somewhere and then gave it to me. And then same like my mom like gave me those. I don't know where she got them.

Speaker 1 06:53

Um, so like special with the duck. You said that like with the carnivals with your dad. You said I just realized I did not write any of this in the spots it's supposed to be.

Speaker 3 07:05

That's okay.

Speaker 1 07:07

Um. Well, I guess we could just. Do you have any questions? Cause me says what its relation to Georgia.

Speaker 2 07:18

What's the question?

Speaker 1 07:19

It just says what is its relation to Georgia? So I guess like any of the items, or they they just all related to Thailand.

Speaker 2 07:26

Well, I

Speaker 1 07:32

can. Is it talking about the artifacts? I don't know, cause like, it starts talking about like what is the size of the collection. Well, this is like

Speaker 2 07:41

this looks like it's like if somebody's donating something. Yeah, that's

Speaker 1 07:45

why I was like we didn't have any questions. So because she said she was gonna give us like questions that we could like base off the interview of and then just keep going from there, and she never did. So I just found this. But do you like have any questions just like in general that we could add so we could get a better for her project. Or do you have anything you want to share that you want to be included?

Speaker 2 08:09

So can you tell me a little bit about the project again?

Speaker 1 08:13

Okay, so we are just sharing basically your culture and like how it was to move to the U.S. like from Thailand, and like what's special to you that you have from Thailand? That I'm trying to find white words. Help me out here. Do you know?

Speaker 3 08:32

I don't know what question you're trying to ask. Like what a project is. Um, like something.

Speaker 1 08:42

Basically, we're just trying to like share your cultural and your own like diversity from America. Like,

Speaker 2 08:49

kind of what it was like to like that transition from Thailand here. I mean, do you think about yeah? Do you remember like when you moved at all? I know you were young, but like yeah, and I know the story. Like I know That what I can say is that the project is also about like immigrants in Georgia, right? Yes. So I moved to Georgia last year. Like I've been here for about a year because I started working here at Georgia Southern University. So I can work backwards. So, like I said, I was a kid when I moved to the U.S. and I think that I like. And I grew up in like rural Ohio, so my mom is the only person from her family besides me who lives in the U.S. so the rest of my family is in Thailand, and I think that you know I kind of have a unique

experience from a lot of other immigrants because sometimes like a lot of them have like their whole families with them, and there's also like not a big Thai. Where I grew up, so I think that transition was like you know something unique that I had to experience, and like being in school and not sharing like the same experience as a lot of my classmates, like was something that was part of how I grew up, but it also, like I said, inspired me to be interested in studying foreign languages because I grew up in like a multicultural family, and I studied Spanish as a major in college, and then I did a master's degree in higher education administration. So, so now I'm a professor here at Georgia Southern in higher education leadership. So, all of that kind of experience helped me, like shaped how I ended up being in Georgia today.

Speaker 1 11:08

Are you an only child?

Speaker 2 11:10

Yes, I am. Do

Speaker 1 11:11

you think that that was difficult, like being an only child and having to come to the U.S. and not having? Like, I know, of course, you had your parents, but was it difficult being an only child and having to deal with that yourself.

Speaker 2 11:21

Well, I think about that sometimes. Like people ask, like, did you want siblings? And every only child has a different answer, right? Some people are like, I would love to have had siblings. I personally, like, when I think about it, it what I mean, I think all immigrants like go through a lot, right? Like you're adjusting to a whole different place, culture, and if you do it as a kid, like it's also you know not your choice, right? It's not your choice, and you're kind of just like, and obviously the support of my parents was really important, but I think that yeah, I was kind of alone in the transition in that sense, like as a kid, like being the kid going through it. Yeah.

Speaker 3 12:12

So I know you said that like you struggle to understand Thai and things like that, but was your first like word like in English or I actually

Speaker 2 12:19

was talking so. Also, it's interesting because my mom now she babysits a lot for this little girl who is Mexican American, and like her mom's from Mexico, and she's like just she's like two, so she's like starting to kind of learn both English and Spanish, and I asked her about that, like what it was like for me, and she said that I kind of also like learned both at the same time. But I think, you know, some kids start talking like really early, and both me and this little kid when my mom's babysitting, like it took us both a while to start talking, but then we were like speaking two languages, so yeah. So my first, I spoke Thai at first and English, but then I think moving at a young age and then going starting school made it so that it was hard to

maintain the language, and then oftentimes I don't know. I guess each of you will be like interviewing just one person, right? Like throughout the class. So maybe the other interviews will talk about this too. But like people ask me why my mom didn't teach me Thai, and I always think that's kind of a tough question because it's like she's not a Thai teacher. She's just a person, you know. She's just a person who speaks Thai, and she was also like going through her own process of immigration and trying to raise a little kid. You know what I mean? So I don't like blame her at all for that. And a lot of people who do maintain multiple languages, like they have their whole family and they're hearing it all the time. So I think I was in that unique position, but during the pandemic, I started taking Thai classes. So, and I was like in my, I was like 28, like I was like old. So, and it was really fun. Like it was a cool way to like connect, like with my family, with my grandparents, like a lot of my younger like family, like my my uncles and like other people speak English, but my grandparents don't. So it was they were like excited to like learn that I learned something, and like I said, that's why I like got this book because I my Spanish is like actually much better than my Thai, so it was a way to kind of celebrate like the progress I made by studying, and it was you know yeah you're not too old to learn something, so so I was like that was like a cool experience for me.

Speaker 1 14:58

I imagine that like with moving. Here to the yes, even for your mom, it would be hard to speak Thai because I'm sure, like where you lived, there was not a lot of people that spoke Thai. So I feel like that could sort of maybe why you didn't learn it. She had no one to like talk to.

Speaker 2 15:14

Yeah, exactly. Like obviously, and you know, like I said, I'm old. I'm not old, but like at that time, like it wasn't as easy to use just like FaceTime to like call people. Like you'd have to get like calling cards, and you'd have to schedule out you know calls with your family and stuff like that. So it was definitely hard for her. And now it's interesting. Like now that I'm an adult, like things are changing. Like I, she made. She still lives where I grew up, like in rural Ohio. So it's like a small town, like 3000 people live there. And somewhere nearby, she heard that a woman was selling Thai food, like a food truck, like kind of in her yard. So she went there, and now she's like really close friends with that lady. Yeah, I know, and that lady kind of looks like me too. So people get confused, like, who is that? Like, is that is she like, didn't Marissa like move back, like that kind of thing? So they're like hanging out all the time, and like she's speaking more Thai than ever.

Speaker 3 16:13

That's great. It

Speaker 2 16:14

is. It's cool, like just how much things can change, and like more, like, like people are immigrating more versus like especially in the Thai community, where I grew up. Like it was a small population. Like there's places in the U.S. where there's a lot of

Thai people, but not where I grew up. So, yeah. So for her, I'm sure it was like very isolating. But and for me to like, it might have been hard for her to to see like, I am basically totally adapting to like my school and like kind of losing the language and things like that. So yeah, it must have been hard for her to not practice speaking Thai as often.

Speaker 1 17:04

Are you like? Does anyone else in your family? Because you say you studied Spanish. Does anyone else speak Spanish? Like, have they tried to start?

Speaker 2 17:11

No, they don't speak Spanish, but they should because because now like my mom is like babysitting this kid, and like sometimes her Like the mom, she and the mom like communicate and like Google Translate and stuff like that, but or like they'll call me, yeah. But like I after I did my master's degree, I did a Fulbright English teaching assistantship, which is like a fellowship to be able to teach English in Colombia in South America, so I also got to practice my Spanish a lot there, and yeah. So my parents did visit me when I was there, and like friends and stuff did too. But it was interesting to be in that role of like translating for them. Yeah, that was like a cool experience, and also it was interesting because there was a show that came out around that time. I forget what it was called, but it had a story about like an immigrant family to the U.S. and like what that experience was like. So one of the things I did in class with the English students was show them that show, and then had my parents visit, and they like actually asked questions to my mom and like what her experience was like and stuff like that. So that was actually really cool.

Speaker 1 18:33

That was cool. Do you go visit your family a lot in Thailand?

Speaker 2 18:38

Yeah. So I go now, like I try to go once a year or once every other year if I can. And I also recently, like I've always been a citizen of Thailand because I was born there. But I recently like got my passport and all my documents and stuff like that. Because my dad is American, I've always had both, which is like a huge privilege. Dual

Speaker 3 19:02

citizenship.

Speaker 2 19:02

Yeah, dual citizenship. And my mom became a citizen when I was like a teenager. So before that, she had like a green card. So that was, you know, they call it like a mixed status family where, like, you know, we all have different like rights, basically. Yeah. So for a while, like that was the case, and then my mom got citizenship. But that was actually sad for her because she, you know, didn't want to like lose her Thai identity. But now she like we all like that's what we did in the past couple of years is like got our Thai passports and everything. So we're like both now.

Okay, but you were asking if I visit my family. I visit my family like once a year, about. But when I was like in college and high school, like we went once in high school, and then I didn't go for like 10 years because it's hard and it's really far away. I don't know if you. Yeah, it's really far away. So, but now that. I have more like time and money. I try to visit often because my grandparents are still alive. So

Speaker 3 20:05

your grandparents speak Thai, and that's it. So like, how is it like communicating with them?

Speaker 2 20:10

Yeah. Well, my grandpa actually speaks. He's Thai Chinese, meaning so there's a big like Chinese population in Thailand that have been there for. It's kind of like the Chinese population in the U.S. that have been there since like the 1800s kind of thing, so so there's a lot of like Thai Chinese people in Thailand and he so he speaks like Mandarin and Cantonese and Thai, and then my grandmother only speaks Thai and they're not together. So my grandmother is a Buddhist nun, I think I mentioned. So she lives in like a temple. So you know, communicating it is interesting. Like communicating with them is like I'm like a child, basically. Like I'm like hi, grandma. Like you know, and you know they're very sweet, and they always you know cook for me and the kinds of it. Like I always just like take a nap at my grandma's house, like that kind of thing. You know what you do at like someone's at your grandma's house. So honestly, like communicating isn't necessarily like we have to do it with words in that way. Like you know, it's my grandparents, so just chill at their house and like you know go you know just hang out. But yeah, I can't talk to them like I'm talking to you guys right

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now. Right. Like I

Speaker 2 21:29

can't really communicate a lot of those things, which is something that I'm okay with. Yeah. But it's also in like being far away is also like just try to enjoy the short time that we can spend together.

Speaker 3 21:44

So I know your dad's from Ohio and then moved to Thailand. What made them want to move back?

Speaker 2 21:51

That's actually a good question, and I don't think it was just like one thing, right? Of course, because. Because I think that's like for immigrants too. That's like such a tough choice. Like, what would I have lost? Like, what would I lose if I stayed, and what would I lose if I left? I think my mom felt a lot of like social pressure living in Thailand, and partially because of like familial pressures to be a certain way, and I think all of us like go through that in one way or another, and also just like because

she like worked for her fam, like her dad's like company, so like you know that I can imagine that could be a lot, and also like she wanted me to. Well, we're from Bangkok too, which is like big city. So I think she was also thinking like, if we live in like the countryside, there would be less like pollution, like stuff like that. So I think she was just trying to like weigh what would be like the safest and most like comfortable life. I I don't know. It I think that's kind of the the best way that I kind of understand how they made the decision, but I know it's like complicated.

Speaker 5 23:25

Right, of course.

Speaker 1 23:26

Is there any like the same traditions that you had in Thailand that you still do here?

Speaker 2 23:31

Yeah, yeah, definitely. One of the big traditions that my family and they like invited all of their friends to do it is this holiday called Loikertong. It's L-O-I-K-R-A-I-K-R-A-T-H-O-N-G. So it's a holiday in November. It's like the full moon of November, where they you make like in Thailand they make it out of like banana tree trunks and like flowers and different and banana and leaves and things like that and candles they make like floats and float them out onto a river.

Speaker 3 24:10

Okay,

Speaker 2 24:11

so it's like a festival where you do that, and it's kind of the idea. It's kind of like a New Year vibe where you're like sending off the energy of the year, and like wishing for, you know, positive energy for the following year. So we always did that. Like our my parents' friends like had a lake, so we would just float them out there. But Thailand has a lot of like water and rivers and stuff like that. So people do it like on the big rivers and stuff. So that's something that we always do. And now that I'm, well, I don't know anybody with a lake, so let me know. You know, we're like, there's a lot of rivers here. There's a lake in my neighborhood. Yeah, yeah. I know. I'm like, I don't know if it's like legal to just do that, but but that's something that I've always like wanted to do. Like. When I get settled to kind of start that, it sounds like like a

Speaker 3 25:03

Viking funeral kind of yeah they do

Speaker 2 25:06

they do like float stuff right but yeah you should look it up like in in Thailand like what it looks like it's so beautiful with all the like candles and lights because they do it at night it's really cool

Speaker 3 25:18

sounds cool

Speaker 1 25:18

yeah. Trying to think of a question that was like one that just popped in my head.

Speaker 6 25:26

Yeah.

Speaker 1 25:28

Um. So like you said that your grandma's a Buddhist nun. Is your you said your mom is also?

Speaker 2 25:34

No. She. No. She's an accountant. Was she a Buddhist? Yeah.

Speaker 1 25:43

No, threw me off. But I was just trying to see if she also practiced, and I didn't know if you also did either.

Speaker 2 25:49

Yeah, I mean, so the majority of the population in Thailand is Buddhist. Like the vast majority. There's all, you know, other religions too. But like, it's really the like major religion in Thailand, and so my mom does practice Buddhism, and I think it informs also a lot of the way she, like, sees the world. And I think there are some things that I still carry with me. I'm not particularly religious, but I would say that a lot of the kind of values and philosophies are things that are still important to me, so that's kind of how I see it. But when I go to Thailand, there's a lot of opportunities to practice Buddhism, especially because like my family's really like religious. But there's a lot of like opportunities to like donate and volunteer and stuff like that. Like if you go to Bangkok, there's like monks walking around all over the place, and you can like buy like a packaged lunch or something, and you can give it to them, and then they'll bless you. But then they distribute that food to like houseless people or like like people in need, so I think that kind of thing that's like embedded into the culture is something that's like easier to practice there.

Speaker 3 27:18

So like when you go visit Thailand. Do you ever have any like culture shock compared to like here?

Speaker 2 27:25

Yeah, for sure. Yes, there are a lot of there are a lot of things. I mean, and also like there are some things about me that are like very Thai for sure, just from like growing up and like in my family and everything, but there are definitely things that are hard to get used to. There's this concept in Thailand called gang chai, which means it's like, and part of it comes from Buddhism too, where it's like an over consideration of other people. Like it's really important to consider other people's

feelings first, which I love, but there are things, there are times when it's like, okay, nobody's really saying what they think. Where it's like, if you say, where do you want to go to eat? Everybody's like, wherever, wherever, wherever, because they want the they want to consider everybody else first. So then, like, nobody ever makes a decision, or they just they just go way out of their way to like accommodate someone, but ends up not being very accommodating because it's like you didn't say what you were actually thinking, and I think that's something that my mom had a hard time with too, which is like part like those kinds of cultural things were difficult for her. So like part of the reason why I think she decided to immigrate, but yeah. So some of those things are like kind of big adjustments where it's like, okay, nobody sounds like me. Yeah, like I think it's like common, but like yeah, if you go to Thailand, like sometimes you really have to be like, okay, I need you to directly tell me like where are we meeting and what time? Because nobody's gonna say anything, stuff like that. But there's also other, like, I think it's people. I think in a lot of Asian cultures, but in Thailand too, like, are more comfortable like talking about what your body looks like and and like seeing it as more of like a neutral comment. Whereas, like for me, I'm like, okay, thanks, grandma. Like, yeah, I'm like, okay, sure. Like, yeah, stuff like that. I'm like, whoa. Like, I think in at least where I grew up or in the U.S. like, people are more like less direct about those things. Like people are judgmental,

Speaker 3 29:44
right?

Speaker 2 29:45
For sure. But not it. You wouldn't like see your aunt and then she'd be like, "You like look like you gain weight, like you know that kind of stuff, or maybe you would depending on the answer. Right. So like those kinds of things. I'm like, oh geez. But yeah, stuff like that I think is like, you know, different. Yeah, but I always like the another like practice I would say that I like keep is food. Like I'm big. Yeah, I know. I'm like my mom is good at cooking. She happens to be like really good at cooking, and that's something I really admire about her. And also, I'm disappointed in myself because every time as a kid she would be like, "Watch me do this, I'd be like, "No. So yeah, I know. You know what I mean? Yes. Like, well, when your mom tells you to do something, and then I went to college,

Speaker 3 30:34
and I'm like, "Oh no! Exactly. Exactly. I make pasta every night. Me too.

Speaker 2 30:39
Like, yeah. So I'm like I you know, I just love Thai food basically, and you can I love Thai desserts you can check them out. But so I like that was always like a big part of my culture because she really did like show her love that way, and she's like very talented, And yeah, now I wish that I paid a couple of attention, but now still I'll call because she also like it's. I feel like that's a big cultural difference. Is that like

people in the U.S. like keep recipes, like written recipes a lot, whereas with my mom,

Speaker 3 31:20
it's just in a red.

Speaker 2 31:21
Yeah, I'm like what, and then the instructions will be so like weird, like you know when it's like bouncy, then you like you know like that kind of thing. You're like taste it, and then you'll know like that kind of thing. Where I'm like okay, so I'll literally have to make it like while on the phone sometimes. Yeah.

Speaker 3 31:38
Do you have like a favorite dish?

Speaker 2 31:40
Yeah. Well, actually, one of my favorite dishes that's like very comforting to me. It's called kelton, which means like boiled rice, which sounds really like bland, but it'll be like a like a rice porridge, like kind of soup with pork and garlic and ginger, and like it's really and cilantro, like it's really comforting. Yeah, it's really good. I'll send you guys. Well, there's some good like, like you know, food blogs and stuff for Thai food that are is good. But yeah, so that one is like what is like really comforting to me. But it's really like an at-home kind of food. But like if I go to a restaurant, I really like. Have you guys been to Thai restaurants before? Oh, I was just gonna ask if you like how you yeah relations. There's something like Savannah and like cooler and stuff that you can try, but there's this dish called padsiu, which is it's like stir fried noodle with like a soy sauce sauce, and it has like broccoli. Well, it should be like Chinese broccoli, but sometimes here, like if you can't find it, they'll have like regular broccoli and like egg, and you can add meat or whatever you want to it. So that's always really good. But when I go to Thailand, like the the restaurants here, you can find everything that like in a Thai restaurant, like it is Thai food, but like there's just so many more.

Speaker 3 33:02
It's like Thai American

Speaker 2 33:03
food. Yeah, but you can find like it is Thai. Like you can find those dishes in in Thailand. But there's just like the variety in Thailand is like way, way, way more. So, all of that to say, there's so many foods. There's so many good foods that, and like I've always like been more of a like Thai food person than, and I you know I love American food honestly I do like Midwestern food and and like Southern food and everything I do love it but I've always been like really like Asian food so

Speaker 1 33:40
is there anything you like want to add that we may have not have asked?

Speaker 2 33:44

Let me think. Well, thank you for asking me all those nice questions, and I and I wish we had the

Speaker 1 33:50

actual questions because I feel like it would be so much easier because I know we're kind of just all over the. Oh no, it's okay.

Speaker 2 33:54

I appreciate you like interviewing me. It's really nice. I guess I would say that what I hope that people know is that every immigrant story is really different and unique, and like basically the thing that we share is like coming to and from, like like going to and from a different place and adjusting to it, and so I like feel proud to represent what they call it like Generation 1.5, which is basically first generation immigrants, but we're kid. We came as kids,

Speaker 1 34:40

right?

Speaker 2 34:41

So I like feel that it's really special to be part of that like group of people, and kind of I think that a lot of us are really cool and like have a lot to offer and. Yeah, I I just um like proud to be like that. That's my story.

Speaker 1 35:10

Yeah,

Speaker 6 35:12

yeah. And

Speaker 3 35:13

then I think all we need to do is take pictures of the artifacts. Oh yeah, feel

Speaker 7 35:17

free. Were you like

Speaker 1 35:18

shocked when she reached out to you was like, hey, do you want to be part of this?

Speaker 2 35:22

No, I was like, because I know her, like we work together, obviously. And well, I actually at first I'm thinking like, because I came as a kid, like it's gonna be totally different than somebody else.

Speaker 1 35:40

Yeah,

Speaker 2 35:41

but then I was like, "That's good. That's a good thing. That's a good thing that we have like these different.

Speaker 1 35:46

Yeah, everyone's got a different story. Yeah,

Speaker 2 35:47

everyone's got a different story. So yeah, here's my my tiny ones. So cute, yeah. So yeah, I appreciate it.

Speaker 3 35:59

We appreciate you letting us, of

Speaker 2 36:00

course. So, what's the name of the class?

Speaker 1 36:04

Cultural diversity

Speaker 3 36:06

ESOL. ESOL

Speaker 1 36:07

and TC. What was the other part

Speaker 3 36:10

of it? I don't know.

Speaker 2 36:11

Covering a lot. Yeah,

Speaker 3 36:13

and it's a mini mester.

Speaker 2 36:14

Oh my gosh!

Speaker 1 36:15

Yeah, so this is

Speaker 2 36:16

like the final project. Oh my gosh! So it's like almost over. And you know

Speaker 1 36:21
about the showcase, right?

Speaker 2 36:22
I I think like I read it in an email, but um I

Speaker 1 36:26
know like once we get like everything typed out and all the question stuff, we will send it to you. Make sure hey this is correct, you know, just so don't do anything wrong. Yeah. And then we'll also like keep you informed about everything and like yeah type of stuff. But I'll definitely

Speaker 2 36:39
come if I'm and then

Speaker 3 36:40
make sure that like everything that we put in there, you want in there, like in case there's anything, you're just like, wait, I don't want to share that.

Speaker 2 36:46
Yeah, totally. I think you know, I didn't say anything too weird. Hopefully, do you

Speaker 1 36:53
want the dress and your earrings also incorporated?

Speaker 2 36:55
Here, let me just. I didn't know if you just wanted

Speaker 1 36:58
me like just a picture of yourself or not. Yeah.

Speaker 2 37:01
Okay.

Speaker 1 37:03
Perfect.

Speaker 8 37:04
Yay!

Speaker 1 37:05
Those are so pretty.

Speaker 2 37:06
Thank you. Yeah, they they were made from like an old like cup or something. That's like

Speaker 3 37:12

I went and I studied abroad in Greece this summer. Oh yeah. And I wanted to find like cool things like that for my mom, but I didn't. I was sad because every every shop I went into was just a tourist shop. It

Speaker 2 37:21

was like magnets or whatever. Yes, but I did

Speaker 3 37:24

find a lady that was on like I found her on TikTok actually, and then went searching for her. Did you find her? Yes, she like hand bends your name into like a necklace. That's so cool. And like you could get it in Greek or you could get it in English, but I I got it in English for my mom because I feel like it would she she think it was just scribble. Yeah,

Speaker 2 37:46

I um actually because you mentioned that lady like my mom found this lady who does the earrings on Instagram or something. So she did the same thing where we like went searching for her and we got a picture. She's like super old. Like so we have a picture with this lady and like all the jewelry she made and stuff like that. So, so that's cool.