From TCSOL Program to Master's Degree in BBE: Story of Three Besties

What's even better than to fulfill one's dream? - making lifetime friends who share the same dream with you and achieve it together.

When Yoyo, Xiaonan, and Xiaoxing first met at the TCSOL One-year Program in New York in 2016, their background and experience were completely different. Nevertheless, they became close friends through discussions, group study and communication outside of class.

Soon, they found out that they shared the same goal for further study at Teachers College, so they started to prepare for it together. Fortunately, they were all admitted to BBE (Bilingual/Bicultural Education) Program upon graduating from the TCSOL program.

Their close relationship and collaborative teamwork extended into their graduate study. While doing a curriculum project for a BBE course, they embedded language learning into Science and Humanities learning in their project, which rewarded them with not only a good final grade but also an invitation to present at the New York International Conference on Teaching Chinese. They were also proudly invited to present at 2019 United Nations Chinese Language Day and shared their fantastic ideas with UN officials, language teachers, and Chinese language learners worldwide.

For the three of them, studying with TCSOL program has helped them a lot in terms of academic and career development as well. The most important takeaway for them was familiarity with the learning style in U.S. universities, which prepared them well for their graduate study. Moreover, the opportunities of student teaching and practicum gave them a deeper understanding of language teaching theories and approaches. Their journey in foreign language teaching will go on, and we are always looking forward to more inspiring stories at CIFLTE.