

Qinglin found Enterprise after her sister applied to Pathways and was rejected; Qinglin wanted to prove that she would have better luck and she did! For the record, her sister applied again and was accepted the second time around. 😊

Qinglin emigrated with her family from China when she was four years old. They all struggled with the language barrier but Qinglin made very few friends until after the 2nd grade. She felt isolated from the other children and it was very difficult on her self-confidence. She was very fortunate to have an older sister that was going through the same issues so they could act as one another's support system.

Qinglin's father worked very long and hard hours as a handyman around the City but her mother soon noticed that he was coming home late and that the family was seeing him less and less. The stress on everyone was becoming too much and it was then that her mother decided to open a daycare out of their home to help supplement their family income and allow her father to work more realistic hours.

Getting a job and working hard has always been a huge emphasis in the Chen family and was the reason that Qinglin originally applied for the Pathways program. Enterprise was her path into the job world and she knew that by coming here she would learn the skills needed to give her that first opportunity. Self admittedly, her practice interview was awful and she knew she bombed, but it was also this self-awareness that pushed her to hone her skills and work hard to feel more comfortable with the interview process.

Once she graduated from Pathways she took on a spot job but also became a Jr. Caddie at the Olympic Club over her sophomore summer. When asked if she liked it she said that she actually didn't at first; she is a small girl and the bags were bulky and heavy but she would tell herself to push through it until she actually began enjoying the job. When it came to apply in her junior summer she realized she actually missed the club and was once again hired on for the summer. The most dramatic change over the course of two summers is Qinglin's self-confidence. When she was interviewed for the Caddie position as a sophomore she was quiet, introverted and shy, fast forward a year and she is confident, self-assured and poised. She tells us that Enterprise teaching her job skills and then actually helping her put them into play built her confidence more than anything else.

Qingling was the recent recipient of the prestigious Evans Scholarship that she received through the Caddie program at the Olympic Club to attend Northwestern University. Qingling was so incredibly honored but in the end chose to attend Princeton on another full scholarship.

We feel Qingling is the epitome of a success story for Enterprise and we couldn't be more proud!