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Dancing has been a huge part of my life from the past to the present. During my preschool years, I've always been participating in school performances. Those experiences have taught me that putting your hard work into something you want to accomplish can benefit you and help you grow as a person

Most of the skills that I have acquired today, all began with a single practice, rehearsal, or lesson. Skills like patience, memorization, and timing have helped throughout my high school and daily life.

When I was little, I used to tap dance and do a little bit of jazz but mostly loved Chinese Folk Dancing. It was different, that's why I've stuck with it throughout my life. I didn't choose Chinese Folk Dancing because it's my culture; I chose it because I loved to perform it. Performances meant that I could smile and have a great time but also test myself at how well I've been improving. It's always fun to do something challenging in life, especially if you work hard for it. In the end, there's always a reward whether it's on paper or in your heart. Performing yearly has helped me realize that awards are not the most important thing. The most important thing in art or life even, is a sense of self accomplishment.

Each year that I perform with Dance Impressions or Lan Ling Dance Studio, there's always something new to learn, something that can be exciting. I can dance for my own delight, but at the same time it doesn't hurt to discover new ideas and lessons that I can use to reflect upon my life.