Taylor Palensky

Year: Junior
Hometown: Ames, Iowa
Studying: Accounting and Finance
Memberships and Leadership:
- Moneythink, Co-President
- Honors Peer Advising
- Greater China Business Association (VP of Finance)
- Student Philanthropy Group

Why is it important to you to learn about other cultures?

It’s important to learn about other cultures to broaden your horizons. There are 8 billion people in the world, each with a different background. Ultimately understanding other cultures opens the door for relationships that you might not have otherwise had.

Is there any cross-cultural experience that you have encountered at Iowa that has changed your perspective?

Getting to know international students in class and student organizations has been awesome. I have never been able to travel outside the U.S., so learning about other people’s backgrounds and traditions is really cool. I especially like the Chinese New Year.

Nominated by members of the Global Engagement Student Advisory Board as outstanding examples of globally engaged members of the Tippie community.

Why did you nominate Taylor?

"I nominated Taylor because she is a great example of an American student who demonstrates high cultural awareness and understanding. She is also involved in various leadership positions around campus and has shown a great example for us in Tippie!"

-Nadzreen Syakihilah Ahmad Nadzri

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