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Professor Heaney has been a great mentor for me not just in my academic life. As an international student from China and as the only person in my family who lives abroad, I found my freshman year quite wrong-footed, and I was overwhelmed by the continuous cultural shocks. My first semester working at UROP was particularly challenging, and I was very quiet and did not know how to communicate with others on the team. Luckily, I had him there keeping his office door open and always encouraging me. He and I have had several long conversations in these two years, and he has helped me make decisions on my life choices. He is a very humorous person—humorous enough to let me understand his jokes and start my friendship with other teammates with laughter. I can't really imagine my life in the US without his guidance.

~Chen Liang~





