



Wednesday  
March 24

Cultural Conversations presents:

# MORE STORIES FROM THE HEART

Zoom doors open 6-6:30 p.m. | Program 6:30-8 p.m.

Join with family, friends, and neighbors for the 7th annual evening of Cultural Conversations, connecting community through storytelling and small group conversation.

Bellevue storytellers will share stories of insight and action shaped by the events of 2020 and hopes for 2021 both reimagining and creating an inclusive, engaging and just community. Opening to the challenges and opportunities we've faced over the past year and the emerging new normal, these storytellers create a space for us to consider perspectives from a changing community.

## **We didn't cross the border, the border crossed us.**

Arthur, assistant prosecuting attorney for the city, shares his family's migration as part of "My Story, Welcoming America Week", a collection of videos featuring staff and their journey to Bellevue. Dispelling myths and stereotypes, Arthur invites the community to focus on the proud Mexican-American history of service to this country, hard work and compassionate giving back to community.

## **From "Model Minority" to Youth Activist?**

Emily is a first-generation U.S born Asian-American whose parents immigrated from Taipei and Chongqing. Her story is about her journey-embracing pride in her own ethnic heritage while also showing up for other communities impacted by systemic racism. Emily reflects on how the model minority myth, Eurocentrism, and her proximity to whiteness have impacted her worldview.

## **We are Pistachio: Open, Happy, Tough, Global, and a bit Nutty.**

Out of the joy and pain of global relocation, "We are Pistachio" – a community of women – was born. Using imagery from a familiar children's story, Aditi, Narcissa, and Anca share their personal narratives of what it is like to live abroad. Ultimately ending with a powerful call to action, these women remind us that there's never been a more important time for inclusion and belonging.

**The event is free and recommended for all the public ages (13 and up). Registration is required to receive the meeting link; Please visit [BellevueWA.gov/cultural-conversations](https://BellevueWA.gov/cultural-conversations) or contact [neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov) or 452-452-6836.**



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