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North Hornell Elementary School

CIAU faculty members Margaret Lin and Rosa Luo used the Smartboard technology to teach a unit on clothing vocabulary. Interactive games reinforced the new Mandarin words and enabled the elementary students to have fun while learning. They brought samples of traditional clothes for the youngsters to try on, introduced the Chinese game “playing shuttlecock”, and featured opera masks in their June 8th closing class.



Students and Rosa with their opera masks

North Syracuse School District

In May and June, Emma and Katie Wang continued Chinese enrichment classes at Gillette and Roxboro Middle Schools with the sixth graders. In addition to language teachings, their presentations covered panda, Beijing Opera, Kung Fu, Chinese currency, etc. Classes concluded on June 15th.

The students were fascinated with the Chinese culture and language. They hoped to learn more

about ancient and modern China. They are also proud to be able to speak some words and sentences in Chinese.



Emma with students at Gillette Road Middle School



Katie with students of Roxboro Road Middle School

Summer Tai Chi Classes

Expert master Liu Guifang taught tai chi classes every weekday morning to dozens of

members of the Alfred area community. During fair weather, the group met in front of the Bandstand where Master Liu and her translator and demo assistant Yenfen (Iris) Huang patiently took the group through every one of the 24-step practice which requires grace, balance, and rhythmic breathing. In addition, Master Liu taught a more advanced group the sequence known as the Swimming Dragon. A video was made at the end of the summer; it can be viewed on you-tube. The participants, of all ages and abilities who continue to meet daily for tai chi exercises, are most grateful for the opportunity to learn a ritual so representative of Chinese culture and so healthy for body and soul.



Master Liu with her students

2012 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp for American High School students

CIAU has organized a group of 5 students together with a chaperon from Windsor High School, NY to attend the 2012 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp held in China. Students set out from JFK Airport on July 14th and arrived at Changzhou, Jiangsu Province on July 15th. Changzhou Senior High School is the base for this year's summer camp program for CIAU group. Students learned the fundamentals of Mandarin, Chinese music, calligraphy and paper cutting in the summer camp. They also had some wonderful cultural experiences including a visit to a canal village, silk factory and dumpling factory. The group left for Beijing on July 25 and did some sightseeing there. The whole group

returned to US safe and sound on July 29th. Lisa Milana, chaperon of the trip said that, "China is AMAZING and I hope to visit again some day."



Students arrived at the airport of Changzhou, China

CIAU Summer Camp

The Summer Camp was held from July 23 – 27 on campus. Faculty included Peng Tao, Shirley Zhu, Li (Lee) Huiyang, Daisy Wu, Katie Wang, and Emma Wang, who were assisted by 2 volunteers from the University of Pennsylvania who are getting their certification in Teaching English as a Second or Other Language. The age range of participants was wide, but everyone felt they had learned a lot about Chinese language and culture – and everyone had a very good time.



Huiyang with students of the summer camp

Farewell party to teachers returning to China

On July 27th, CIAU threw a farewell party for instructors Margaret Lin, Jenny Wang and Ronald Zhang who have finished their

service terms at CIAU and are returning to China at the end of July. Director Dr. Huang confirmed their contributions to the development of CIAU and the achievement they have attained during their stay at Alfred. All faculty and staff attended the party and sent them best wishes in the future.



From left: Tao, Jenny, Margaret, Carla, Wil and Ronald

Teachers in CIAU attend the Chinese Language Teacher Workshop at the University at Buffalo Confucius Institute

The Chinese Language Teacher Workshop offered by the UBCI was held from Aug 24-26 at Buffalo University, teachers in CIAU (Tao Peng, Huiyang Li, Daisy Wu, Emma Wang, Katie Wang) including four new members (Yanjie yin, Hui Liu, Lisa Zhang and Rose Hu) attended this workshop. With the goal of enhancing Chinese language teaching in Western New York, this workshop covers J-1 Scholar issues, US K-12 Schools, the U.S. and New York State education system, standards, curriculum and testing , classroom management in American language classrooms, teach Chinese through story-telling as well as sample lesson demos by experienced local teachers. Wendy Zhou, the assistant professor of Confucius Institute and College of Education at Michigan State University made a lecture about how to teach Chinese through stories gave all the teachers a deep impression and inspiration. The aspiring Chinese Language teachers took an active part in

each part of the session and enjoyed the discussion and sharing of the experienced teachers.



Group photo of attendees

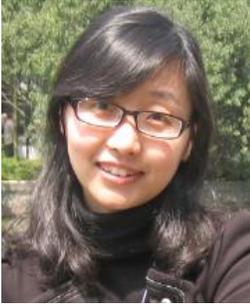
New CIAU Faculty

Following the return of several much-appreciated CIAU faculty members to China after 1 or 2 years teaching in the Alfred area, three new faculty members have arrived in their stead.

Rose Hu graduated from CUG's Foreign Language School with a degree in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics. Chinese calligraphy, painting, and making paper cuts are among her hobbies.



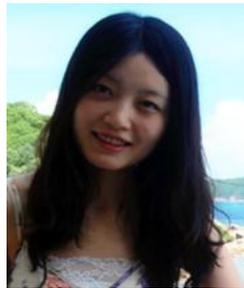
For the 1st time, CIAU has a married couple in residence. Yin Yanjie, known as Jeff, is an instructor from Qingdao Technical College. With a 2004 BA in English Education from Qufu Normal University and a 2010 MA in Environmental and Resources Protection Law from Ocean University of China, Jeff has experience in teaching Mandarin for international students as well as English for Chinese students.



With a 2003 BA in Chinese Language and Literature from Qingdao University and graduate studies in Education with an emphasis on teaching Mandarin to foreigners, Liu Hui has most recently been an instructor at Qingdao

Technical College. Her English name is Jessica. She spent an additional year in S. Korea teaching in the Pingze Tourism School where she received a prestigious teaching award.

Zhang Yujia, with the English name of Lisa, is a graduate student in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics at CIAU's partner institution, China University of Geosciences (CUG) in Wuhan where she has taught as well as studied. Her hobbies include music and traditional Chinese artisanal crafts.



All four teachers completed the training required by the Hanban, the Beijing-based organization that oversees all Confucius Institutes worldwide.

Upcoming Events

September 13 in Geneva, NY - Kickoff event at the Geneva Central School District where Mandarin classes will be offered for the first time 4 days per week to students in grades 3 – 5.

September 14 Music Concert - Entitled “Melodies of China,” the concert will be held in Miller 2 Performing Arts Center at 7:30 pm; it is free and open to all. Featured performers include CIAU's Daisy Wu on the guzheng. In addition, professional soprano Hong Zhang from SUNY Binghamton, NY will sing, but first, she will give a master class and lecture on Chinese folk songs to be held in Miller Room 302 from 3 - 4 pm on that same day, Saturday, the 14th.

September 29 Mid-Autumn Full Moon Festival

- This annual event will be held in Susan Howell Hall, time TBA. Dinner will be served with traditional moon cakes for dessert and entertainment provided.

Learn the Chinese word and know its culture

lǐwù (Gift)

In Chinese societies, gifts are given for holidays like Chinese New Year and at special events like birthdays and weddings. People also bring gifts to relatives or friends if they pay them a visit. People also give gifts during official business meetings. There are a few rules of etiquette in Chinese gifting.

- Red Envelopes with money within are popular gifts at Chinese New Year, birthdays and weddings if there is no other good idea for gift.

- Do not give scissors, knives or other cutting utensils as they indicate the severing of the relationship.

- Do not give clocks, handkerchiefs or straw sandals as they are associated with funerals and death.

- Do not wrap gifts in white or black paper, as many Chinese associate these with funerals.

- Four is an unlucky number so do not give four of anything. Eight is the luckiest number, so giving eight of something brings luck to the recipient.

- Always present gifts with two hands.

- Gifts are not opened when received.

- In business settings where more than one person will receive a gift, the most senior person should receive the most expensive gift.



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