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CIAU-Sponsored Children and Youth Learning Initiative (CYLI) Programs at Alfred University

November 7 – Eighteen 6th graders from Canaseraga Central School visited the Confucius House where they learned about the guzheng, sang the “Jasmine Song”, and played the instrument themselves. In addition, the students practiced the traditional Chinese folk art of paper-cutting and made snowflakes and the “double xi” sinogram.



November 28 – Daisy Wu, Rosa Luo, Lisa Zhang, and Rose Hu offered a program for 13 students from Belfast Central School that featured calligraphy and folk songs with Daisy’s accompaniment on the guzheng.



December 7 – Fifty students from the Alfred-Almond Central School District came to AU for a 3-hour long immersion in Chinese culture and language. They practiced calligraphy and enjoyed experimenting with playing the guzheng. During a break, the students had a lot of fun trying to use chopsticks.



CIAU-Sponsored Kids to College Program at Alfred University

November 15 – The Powell Campus Center’s Knight Club was the venue where 27 Wellsville Central School students were introduced to a wide range of Chinese crafts and

culture. CIAU faculty member Lee (Li, Huiyang) gave a calligraphy demonstration featuring the traditional “4 treasures of the scholar’s study” after which the students tried their hand with the brush. Daisy Wu, Rosa Luo, Rose Hu, and Lisa Zhang assisted with these activities which were all much appreciated. This event was part of the “Kids to College” program with which CYLI is affiliated.



Geneva North Street Elementary School

All elementary students taught by Jessica Liu learned to count, name their family members, and say “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year” in Mandarin. They were taught the cultural underpinnings of family traditions, how Christmas is celebrated in China, and how to play jianzi, a traditional kicking game.



Jessica Liu with students



Jessica with the teachers of NSS in memory of victims of Newtown shooting

Gillette Road Middle School and Roxboro Road Middle School, N. Syracuse

All 6th graders studied the history of the ancient Qin Dynasty (221-206 BCE) and the building of the Great Wall of China. The students learned how to sing “Happy New Year” in Mandarin and were introduced to Spring Festival (Lunar New Year) traditions in China by their CIAU teachers Katie Wang and Emma Wang.



Emma Wang at Roxboro Road Middle School



Katie Wang at Gillette Road Middle School

Naples Elementary School

Taught by CIAU faculty member Jeff Yin, the after-school Chinese classes continued during November through December. During these 2 months, students learned how to count in Mandarin and how to hold and write with the “maobi” or writing brush, with which they painted traditional lotus flowers and leaves; their work was then exhibited on the walls in the hallways. The students were delighted to learn how to sing “Happy New Year” in Mandarin and to understand the different ways Christmas is celebrated in China and in the US.



Jeff Yin with students

North Hornell Elementary School

CIAU faculty member Rosa Luo taught all kindergarteners to count and to name common colors in Mandarin. She used a song called “Number One” as a way of helping students remember numbers and added another popular children’s song “Two Tigers” with words and dance moves. The youngsters learned about the Dragon Boat Festival and hand-built and colored their own model dragon boats.

First-graders learned more advanced numbers and grammar constructions to identify objects by means of a children’s story about a kitten that goes fishing. Another song, “Finding Someone to be a Friend” included acting and dancing which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



Rose and Rosa with the first graders

November 13th Guest Lectures in Rochester

Three CIAU faculty members, Tao Peng, Daisy Wu, and Rose Hu, were invited to present at the Rochester Early College International School on November 13. Master guzheng player Daisy Wu gave a scholarly talk about her traditional stringed instrument and played songs, including “Jasmine Flower” to the delight of the audience.



Tao Peng, Daisy Wu and Rose Hu with the faculty and staff of RECIS. Far right is Annaliese Wilmarth is the international Studies Coordinator of RECIS

December 2nd HSK Proficiency Test

CIAU instructor Lee arranged for his Chinese 101 and 102 students at AU to take the official HSK Language Proficiency Test, which was offered last year for the first time. At Level One, 14 students participated, and 4 students

took the Level Two test in Perlman Hall. Lee was assisted by three other CIAU faculty: Rosa Luo, Lisa Zhang, and Rose Hu. In the evening, all students were treated to a festive dinner of dumplings and hot-pot made by teachers and students and held in the Confucius House.



Students just completed the HSK exam



Party at Confucius House

December 16 – 18, Global Confucius Institutes Conference

The 7th annual Global Confucius Institutes Conference was held in Beijing from December 16 to 18. CIAU Director Wil Huang was a presenter; his subject was how to create a model Confucius Institute.

At the event, CIAU had a booth displaying the software for teaching Mandarin based on preparing for the HSK test and using smart boards; this software has been developed by the School of Arts and Communication at

China University of Geosciences in Wuhan, CIAU's partner institution.



From left: Bin Shuai of CUG, Provost William Hall and Wil Huang at the exhibition booth

Upcoming Events

February 9 Chinese New Year gala

Learn the Chinese word and know its culture

恭喜发财 Gōng xǐ fā cái

In the English-speaking world, New Year's Day would always fall on Jan 1. However, Chinese New Year would not be on the same day. The festival begins on the first day of the first month in the traditional Chinese lunar calendar. In 2013, the Chinese New Year falls on February 10 and it is the Year of Snake.

Chinese New Year is the longest and most important festivity in the Chinese calendar. The traditional Chinese New Year celebration usually lasts 15 days. Food includes fish, which is served at the end of the New Year's meal, symbolizing abundance. Red decorations are everywhere, because the color is considered to be lucky. Older family members

use red envelopes to give gifts of cash to their younger relatives.

During the Chinese New Year, people often greet each other by saying “gōng xǐ fā cái,” which translates to “Congratulations and be prosperous.”



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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_New_Year

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