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Special Announcement

In July 2016, Prof. Tao Peng, the last Chinese Director of CIAU, left his post for home. Recommended by the partner school China University of Geosciences(Wuhan) and dispatched by China National Office for teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, the new Chinese Director, Prof. Jijun(Andy) Yu has assumed his post at CIAU in July 12th, 2016.

In addition, Daisy Wu was named Associate Director of the Confucius Institute at Alfred University (CIAU) by University President Charles Edmonson and Provost Richard Stephens. She and the new Chinese Director, Jijun (Andy) Yu, will help Director Wilfred Huang to run CIAU.

Gates Chili School District

By the end of May, CIAU teacher Juan (Rita) Xu finished Chinese enrichment classes with the 3rd grade

students of Disney Elementary School and Florence Brasser Elementary School. The students learned about many aspects of Chinese culture, such as traditional

clothes, money, calligraphy, and Chinese New Year. They also learned some simple Mandarin sentences and words. Some children know how to count from 1 to 99. Some children can sing a greeting song called “Ni Hao Ma” in Chinese. Most of them showed strong interest in learning Chinese culture and language.



Gates-Chili students

On June 8, Juan (Rita) Xu presented a special lesson for the 3rd graders of Paul Road Elementary School. She taught them how to make dough figurines of pandas. Dough figurines are small sculptures that use flour and glutinous rice flour as the main raw materials, plus other components such as color, paraffin, and honey. Each figurine undergoes control and mildew-proof processing.

This is a type of folk artwork that is easy to make but has very high artistic value.



A panda made by a student

Juan (Rita) Xu also joined the summer school program of the Gates-Chili School District for three days. She visited nine classes to introduce Chinese culture to the children in 2nd to 5th grade. The kids learned that Chinese language is not just Mandarin. It includes many dialects. They were interested in learning Chinese characters. They especially liked guessing word meanings by pictures.



Students having fun in the class

North Syracuse Central School District

In May and June, Ms. Zhang and Mr.

Yang were invited to give guest lectures to high school students at Cicero North High School.



Instructor Yang and his students

They were asked to act as investors in the business class scenario of Shark Tank, students showed them their inventions and ideas, and they gave lectures to social studies classes on cultural and social topics. The high school students were quite interested in such topics as economic development in China, the air and water pollution problems in China, globalization, etc.

Geneva North Street School District

In May and June, Jinxiang Chen developed a series for language teaching along with cultural explorations at Geneva North Street School. Language teaching mainly covered expressions for family members, some foods, the four seasons, weather, and their corresponding applications.



Students painting masks

Cultural teaching mainly included making cards for Mother's Day, painting face masks, weaving bracelets, and making dough figurines. Through the study of language and culture, students could fully feel the charming nature of Chinese culture and their enthusiasm for learning Chinese was strengthened, as well.

Northstar Christian Academy

In May and June, Instructors Jing Wu and Juan Xu in Rochester Northstar Christian Academy successfully completed the Chinese Culture and Language Teaching. 3 Chinese AP class students took AP Chinese test in May. This is the second year of Northstar Christian Academy participate the AP Chinese Test. Chinese culture and language elementary school finish the school year in Middle of June.

In July, teachers in Rochester school district support Summer Camp in Geneva. Instructor Jing Wu presents Chinese folk art---paper cutting, Chinese characters.

This is a very good opportunity to corporate with teachers and students in other schools and sharing teaching resources.



Ms. Wu was teaching the Chinese characters

In August 29th, the school was open, Ms. Jing Wu and Ms. Jinxiang Chen has begun the new school year's working, Set up for new school, decorated classrooms and the office. Renew the show board in the hall way. A well beginning is half done.



Chinese teacher's office



Demonstration board in the hallway

Northstar Christian Academy had two new school year open house days both in June and August. Ms. Jing Wu and Jinxiang Chen demonstrated Chinese paper cutting for the open house. The kids stopped by and participated the cutting, they enjoyed that very much. Parents praised the beautiful Chinese folk art. When a student heard about the Chinese program in NCA, He was very excited because he has a friend from China, he would like to communicate with him in Chinese.



Ms. Chen was demonstrating paper cutting and students were attracted by the art

Tai Chi Class at AU Reunion

A demonstration by the CIAU Tai Chi

class was one of the featured events at the Alfred University Alumni Reunion on June 11. Tai Chi coach Guifang Liu, known as Master Fang, and her assistants, Molly and Mark, together with other class members, led this event as alumni joined in.



Alumni playing Tai Chi with Master Fang

First, Molly introduced both CIAU and the CIAU Tai Chi class, and then Master Fang not only introduced the theory of Qigong, but also performed Tai Chi for the alumni.

One alumnus spoke highly of Tai Chi and noted that the movements of Tai Chi were very slow and gentle after he experienced this ancient Chinese body-building exercise.

Chinese Culture in Song

In the ending of the spring semester, the Chinese Immersion program in West Street School has organized a celebration to show the students' learning achievements. The school superintendent and the students' parents were invited to the celebration. Students sang the Chinese song they have learned and introduced themselves in brief Chinese. Prof. Zhonbei(Daisy) Wu was

also invited to play the Guzheng for the students.



News reported by Finger Lakes Times

“Students of Mrs. Keeton, He Lau Shi and Mrs. Gallagher at West Street School recently participated in a celebration of academics and Chinese culture. The program featured plenty of songs for the children to sing.” *Finger Lakes Times* Reported.

Tai Chi Demonstration in Wellsville, NY

On July 13, CIAU Tai Chi coach Guifang Liu was invited to give a Tai Chi demonstration class in the Wellsville Trinity Lutheran Church. Claudia, one of the Alfred Tai Chi class members, first introduced CIAU and Master Fang.



CIAU Tai Chi class member Claudia introducing Master Fang

More than 30 people participated in the Tai Chi class. They did Five Animals Frolics, Ba Duan Jin, and Tai Chi 24 Steps. Also, Master Fang and other Tai Chi class members performed the Swimming Dragon for attendees. Their demonstration was well received.



Attendees practicing Tai Chi with Master Fang

In the end, many attendees asked questions about Tai Chi and Master Fang, and other Tai Chi class members answered them.



Master Fang talking with attendees

Chinese Summer Camp held in Geneva North Street School

In July, CIAU faculty Zhongbei (Daisy) Wu, Guifang Liu, Jing Wu, Jinxiang (Linda) Chen, Lili (Lily) Huang, Yao (Lucy) Zhang, Wen Yao (Flare) Ding and Lingyan (Molly) Zhang organized a summer day camp at Geneva City School District.

The CIAU teachers not only showed Chinese culture to students, but also taught them useful common Chinese expressions. Students experienced Tai Chi, paper-cutting, and Chinese painting, also learned some Chinese characters and sentences.

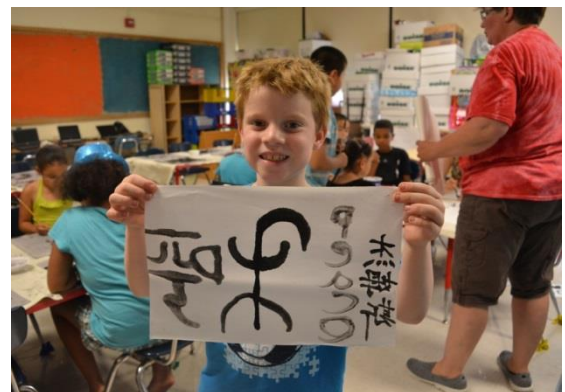


Instructor Yao Zhang teaching children

This is the fourth Chinese culture summer camp held in partnership between the Confucius Institute at Alfred University and the Geneva City School District. Statistics show that more than twice as many students have signed up for Chinese Class as compared to last year.



Master Fang teaching Tai Chi Kunfu Fan



Student showing his painting

Professor Liang Yan of China

University of Geosciences Visited the Confucius Institute at Alfred University

From July 28th to 30th, 2016, Professor Liang Yan has visited the Confucius Institute at Alfred University.



Zhongbei(Daisy) Wu showing the library of Alfred University to Professor Yan

Professor Yan was the director of the Economy Management School of CUG(Wuhan) and he is engaged in the teaching and scientific study of management and marketing. The Economy Management School of CUG and the Business School of Alfred University has many academic exchanges. The Electronic Business International Conference in Wuhan held cooperatively by the two parties has become an important forum for their cooperation. During his visit, Professor Yan has exchanged his opinions with Director Will Huang and Director Jijun(Andy) Yu on the promotion of Economy, Management and Politics of the two universities.

The First International Swimming Dragon Exchange Conference

On August 3th, under the guidance of Confucius Institute Director Dr. Wilfred

Huang, thirteen members of the Alfred Tai Chi class left the U.S. to take part in the Swimming Dragon Exchange Conference.



Representative of the Tai Chi class receiving an award

Three of the members, Theresa Brown, Amanda Parry Oglesbee, and Pat LaCourse, shared their comments at the conference. Master Fang, the Alfred Confucius Institute and Dr. Huang were congratulated and honored for their significant contributions and for their role in the American participation in the conference.

On the final conference day, all 400 participants, in identical uniforms, performed Swimming Dragon beside the Birds' Nest at the 2008 Olympic Village.

Professor Lijun Zhang Visited the Confucius Institute at Alfred University

From August 8th to 9th, Prof. Lijun Zhang has visited CIAU.



Prof. Lijun Zhang visiting the library of Alfred University

During his visit, Director Zhang heard about the work report presented by Jijun Yu, the new Chinese Director of CIAU, and exchanged his opinions with Director Will Huang on the development of CIAU and the cooperation between AU and CUG.

Zhang is the vice Director from the International Education of CUG(Wuhan), and he is in charge of the operation of Confucius institute.

American Students from the Confucius Institute at Alfred University Win Gold Awards with Their Guzheng Performance

On August 20th and 21st, the Second Annual New York Chinese Instruments International Competition was held at the Schwarz Theater of the College of Optometry in midtown Manhattan. It was organized by the Confucius Institute at the College of Optometry of the State University of New York and by the Melody of Dragon, a Chinese music ensemble in New York City.

The trio of Richard Lopez (AU '14) and current Alfred students Brandon Miller (AU) and Tiffany Pham (ASC) won a gold medal for their rendition of the famous piece, *The Warrior*. They were the only non-Chinese musicians among the finalists, according to *Voices of NY*. In addition, Brandon Miller, a junior majoring in biology, won a gold medal for his Guzheng performance of *High Mountains and Flowing Water*, and Daisy Wu won an award for Guzheng instruction.



Brandon Miller playing Guzheng in the competition

Chinese Teachers' Training held at the Confucius Institute at Alfred University

In August, 2016, New Chinese Teachers' Training was successfully held at CIAU. Dr. Wenying Chou was the guest speaker for this training, along with Marty Fuller, head cashier for the Business Office of Alfred University, and David W. Morton, superintendent of the North Syracuse School District. Over twenty teachers and

volunteers of CIAU participated in this training.



The CIAU Family

During the training, Marty Fuller went over the detailed process for receiving reimbursement, which resolved some concerns of these newly-arrived Chinese teachers. Then David W. Morton explained how to establish a positive classroom culture, such as by establishing a shared sense of identity and by setting up daily and weekly routines. Dr. Chou, who has taught for over two decades, discussed various aspects such as classroom management, choice of teachers' language, game design, and so on. She especially discussed with the new teachers the teaching method of an Immersion Program. Finally, Director Huang and Director Yu gave a summary based on their own teaching and management experience.

The Departed CIAU Faculty

In August 2016, after fulfilling their term of service, three instructors and three

volunteers of CIAU left their post for home. They are Chaoyun Zhai, Lin Hao and Yanfang Song; Wenyao Ding, Jing Wu and Lingyan Zhang. Thanks for their hard working and contributions to CIAU.

The New CIAU Faculty



Suping (Emma) Wang is an associate professor from Heze University. She received her B.A. in Chinese education from Qufu Normal University and M.A. in Linguistics from Beijing Language and Culture University. She has 20 years of teaching experience in Chinese language and literature. She was a Chinese exchange teacher for the Confucius Institute at Alfred University from 2011-2014. In addition, she is a test controller in the National Mandarin Examination.



Yuan Yuan graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 2012 with a Master's degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). The next year, she joined the faculty of the First High School of Hunan Province, a well-known top high school in China. With her great efforts and excellent feedback from students and parents, she was named the "Best Teacher in the First High School of Hunan Province". She has 4 years of experience in teaching English as a second language at the high school

level, including TOEFL listening and speaking, and ACT science and reading. Her research interests are the development of intercultural competence in communication and critical literacy.



Xinzi Zheng is a teacher from Wuhan Pacific High School. As an undergraduate student, she majored in teaching Chinese as a foreign language at Huazhong University of Science

and Technology. She then got her master's degree in education and international development at the Institute of Education, University College, London. Her research interests are educational leadership and teaching Chinese as a foreign language.



Mengwei (Vivian) Zhu graduated from Shanghai University in 2015 with a master's degree in teaching Chinese as a foreign language. In 2013, she worked as the voluntary Chinese teacher

at Bogazici University in Turkey. Her research interests are teaching Chinese as a foreign language and cross-cultural communication.



Yi (Amity) Xiang is a postgraduate student from Minzu University of China, studying at the College of International Education. She earned her Bachelor's

Degree at Guangxi University and majored in teaching Chinese as a second language. From October 2013 to February 2014, she worked as a Chinese teacher in Thailand. From October 2015 to February 2016, she worked as a tutor at Minzu University of China. From March 2016 to May 2016, she taught expatriate students in a Chinese reading class and Tai Chi sword. She is fond of paper-cutting, Tai Chi sword, cooking Chinese food, singing, etc. She will try her best as a volunteer teacher at CIAU.



Chaoying (Nicole) Wang is a postgraduate student from the Beijing Language and Culture University, majoring in linguistics and applied linguistics. She has a term's experience in

working as a Chinese teacher at the Faculty of Preparatory Education of Beijing Language and Culture University. She is fond of Chinese calligraphy and cooking. With creativity and enthusiasm, she will do her best as a volunteer teacher at CIAU.



Yuchun (Rachel) Hu is majoring in education as a postgraduate student at China University of Geosciences in Wuhan. She has been teaching for about two years; the

teaching experiences she gained during her college studies have laid a solid foundation for her teaching skills. She

enjoys singing Chinese folk songs, paper-cutting, and tying Chinese knots. She has made up her mind to devote her high spirit and passion for excellence as one of the volunteer teachers at CIAU.



Yonghuan (Anna) Zong is a postgraduate student at the School of Foreign Language at the China University of Geosciences (CUG) in Wuhan, majoring in translation and interpreting. She engaged in language teaching during her university studies. She is interested in paper-cutting and Chinese calligraphy. In addition, she is familiar with the use of Word, Excel, and other office software. Being responsible and creative, she will try her best as a volunteer teacher at CIAU.



Chenchen (Lynn) Lin is a graduate student from the Higher Education Research Institute at CUG in Wuhan, majoring in educational economy and management. She also earned a second bachelor's degree in English in HuaZhong University of Science and Technology. She has played erhu, a traditional stringed instrument, since she was six years old. In the last two years, she has given two lectures about Chinese folk music for foreign students, and as a member of an art delegation representing CUG, she performed in Confucius Institutes in Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia in 2014.



Mengjia (Merry) Zeng is a postgraduate student from the School of Foreign Language at the China University of Geosciences (Wuhan), majoring in Translation and Interpreting. She earned her bachelor's degree in English Education at Wuhan Polytechnic University. She has taken a lot of activities as a volunteer. She is fond of Chinese traditional arts and doing Tai Chi. Being passionate and dynamic, she will do her best as a volunteer teacher at CIAU.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 19th: Tai Chi Class featuring Tai Chi Sword begins to meet Monday through Friday

Sept. 25th: Mid-Autumn Festival Gala, Nevins Theater and Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, Alfred University, 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 27th: CUG Art Troupe performing at Pine Plains Central School District.

Sept. 28th: CUG Art Troupe performing at Gates-Chili Central School District.

Sept. 27th: Tai Chi for Arthritis begins at the Hornell YMCA, 10:30–11:30a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Chinese Corner at Alfred University

resumed on September 1th. Chinese Corner meets every Thursday from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Confucius House (10 Park Street) and welcomes students in Chinese classes and anyone else who is interested in learning the language and culture of China. The informal session includes language practice, cultural discussions, a video show, and games.

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