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Geneva North Street Elementary School

In September, Jeff Yin and Olivia Wang began teaching Chinese lessons at Geneva North Street Elementary School. The Mandarin Chinese has been designed as a part of the main curriculum. Jeff and Olivia have spent one week practicing class rules and routine in Chinese. They worked along with the art teacher Mrs. DeRoo to teach students paper cutting of butterflies and traditional Chinese painting of panda and bamboo. Those works were in display during the open house later. In October, they began teaching students with topics from other courses such as scientific process, mathematics, family, plant anatomy, and Halloween words. In the 4th and 5th graders' class of scientific process, students did some interesting experiments to learn and practice how to express actions and senses in Chinese.



Jeff Yin with his class

Geneva West Street Elementary School

In September, Mandarin Chinese teacher Hui Liu launched her teaching at Geneva West Street Elementary School. Students from Kindergarten to 2nd grade were excited to learn the new language and culture. From September to October, they learned how to greet each other, ask names in Chinese, and how to express family members in Chinese.



Jessica Liu with her class



Katie Wang is giving a presentation

North Syracuse Central School District

From October, CIAU teachers Katie Wang and Emma Wang began presenting the 6th graders at Roxboro Road Middle School Chinese cultures and language in North Syracuse Central School District. The topic focused on the surveying of China by comparing area, population, landforms, climate, main crops, languages, written systems, big cities between China and USA. The students also learned how to introduce themselves briefly in Mandarin Chinese.

The students and teachers welcomed the lessons with active interactions in class, hoping to know more about ancient and modern China.

Naples Central School District

CIAU faculty Tingting (Tina) Jiang began teaching Chinese class in Naples Elementary school from September. In her first Chinese lesson, students were amazed at the cultural diversity in China. Students have learned daily Chinese expressions and explored Chinese culture in a fun way and they were encouraged to use Chinese in their daily life. Telling parents “Mom and dad, I love you” in Chinese is definitely one of their favorites.



Tina Jiang with her Class

Distance learning in Binghamton City School District

CIAU faculty Sha (Rosa) Luo, Yanfang (Ellen) Song and Si (Tulip) Chen began distance learning program in Binghamton City School District from September. There are twelve 8th graders involved in this program. They have a class using Skype every day and skip the seventh class. Instead there is an extended class on every sixth class where CIAU faculty will visit Binghamton classroom and meet with the students face-to-face. Students learned colors, family members, description of the size of houses and rooms, expression of likes and dislikes on food and drinks in Chinese. Three units of “My family”, “My house” and “Food and drink” in the book *Happy Chinese 1* were also covered in the class. Students then experienced Chinese

calligraphy and paper cutting during the extended classes.



Distance Learning Classroom

Moon Festival Gala of CIAU

Moon Festival Gala of CIAU was held in Susan Howell Hall on September 19, 2013. This is the fifth year for CIAU to sponsor this event. Over 160 guests from Alfred University, Alfred State College, and the Alfred community were welcomed by all the faculty of CIAU. President Charles Edmondson and Professor Laura Greyson were the distinguished guests of the event. The festivity started with the performance of Tai Yi Swimming Dragon by the Tai Chi Group, and followed by the solo Swimming Dragon Sword by Master Liu. The climax of the gala came when the vocal music and Guzheng duet of "Under the Silver Moonlights" was performed. Alfred University soprano Professor Luanne Crosby

and Guzheng musician Zhongbei (Daisy) Wu of CIAU have impressed the whole audience. The event ended with CIAU presenting T-shirts with Chinese characters to every guest.



“Under the Silver Moonlights” Concert, performed by Luanne Crosby (left) and Daisy Wu (right)

Performance at Stony Brook University and Binghamton University

CIAU’s Guzheng musician Zhongbei (Daisy) Wu was invited to join the Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration on September 25 by the Confucius Institute at Stony Brook University. Her performance of the “Journey to Suzhou” and the “Fighting the Typhoon” has fascinated the audience.

On September 27, the Confucius Institute of Chinese Opera at Binghamton University held the “Amazing China” concert where Daisy has performed as well. The concert was a success and was

reported on the local newspaper. President of Binghamton University, Harvey G. Stenger highly appreciated Daisy Wu’s performance and has delightfully taken a photo with her.



Harvey G. Stenger, President of Binghamton University with Daisy Wu

Joint meeting of U.S. Confucius Institutes

CIAU’s director Wilfred Huang and Chinese director Tao Peng participated in the Joint Meeting of U.S. Confucius Institutes from September 28-30 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Madame Xu Lin, General Director of Hanban, introduced three new projects of Hanban in the coming years, namely, Confucius

China Study Plan, Core Teacher Program and Chinese Language Day. Both directors shared their ideas about three projects with directors from other CIs.



2013 Joint Meeting

Tai Chi demo at Farm Market

Alfred Farmers Market hosted a fall festival on October 6, and invited the Tai Chi group for a demonstration. Master Guifang Liu and Tai Chi members performed Five-animal Exercise and 24-form. It was well received by the audience.



Group Photo of Performers

End of Tai Chi classes for 2013

Three sessions of Tai Chi classes ended on October 11. Tai Chi members not only reviewed Yi Jin Jing, Five-animal Exercise, 24-form Steps and Swimming Dragon, but also learned the new form of Ba Duan Jin. Master Guifang Liu is deeply cherished by Tai Chi members who are looking forward to her return next year.

Visits of Master Guifang Liu to School Districts

On October 15, Master Guifang Liu, CIAU faculty Tina Jiang, Rose Hu, and Chinese director Tao Peng gave Tai Chi demos at North Street Elementary School and West Street Elementary School. 240 students from 3-5 grades of North Street Elementary School and 160 students from K-2 grades of West Street Elementary School joined the demos. After a brief introduction of Chinese Kung Fu, Master Liu taught them Five-animal Exercise. Students enjoyed themselves very much by imitating animal movements.

On October 18, a Tai Chi demo was held at Naples Central School District. Chinese Kung Fu was introduced to about 50 high school students and then Yi Jin Jing was

presented to them. They got to know the essence of Yi Jin Jing by learning the steps one by one.



Tai Chi demo at Geneva Central School District



Tai Chi demo at Naples Central School District

Chinese Cultural Day

The first Chinese Cultural Day was held on October 25. A variety of performances and activities were open to the public on campus. The cultural day started with the dragon dance by students from Chinese classes and ISSO at 1:00 pm between Powell Campus Center and Susan Howell Hall. Former Provost William Hall dotted the dragon eye, initiating the dragon

dance. This was the first time that dragon dance has been presented at Alfred, and it was delightfully received by the audience.

Tai Chi performance followed at 1:30 at the Knight Club. Yi Jin Jing, Five-animal Exercise and 24-form steps were performed, which were well appreciated and attracted the audience to join in the performance. From 2:00- 4:00 pm, Chinese Tea Ceremony and calligraphy demonstration were held in the same venue.

The climax of the day was the Chinese music concert entitled East Meets West, which was held in Miller Theater at 7:30. It was sponsored by CIAU and Performing Arts Division. AU chorus and Chamber singers, AU Orchestra, AU Symphonic Band, Guzheng Ensemble, guest musicians Shijun Cheng and Bo Pang jointly presented a wonderful performance of 11 pieces of classic Chinese music. The concert has won a full house of applause.



Dragon Dance at Chinese Cultural Day



Chinese Music Concert: East Meets West

CIAU Meeting

CIAU meeting was held at Confucius House on October 26. The meeting was consisted of two sessions. The first was a mini workshop on the language teaching and cultural communication. After an introduction of Prof. Tao Peng, CIAU faculty Huiyang Li introduced the teaching objectives and teaching plan in the U.S. education system. Katie Wang and Emma Wang then

talked about cultural understanding and misunderstanding in the multi-cultural communication. Jeff Yin and Jessica Liu focused on the management of class while Rosa Luo shared her experience of distance learning. Lastly Daisy Wu talked about how she organized the music concert at Alfred. Upcoming events and assignments were discussed in the second session.

Progress Report of Teaching Material Program

The name of our teaching material is *Explore Chinese*. The program is sponsored by Hanban and progressing well that the teacher's book, students' book and activity book of Level 3, together with the software development have been drafted. The hardcopy edition and software design of Level 1, 2 and 4 are in process and on schedule. CIAU will be exhibiting the books and software at the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) on Nov. 22-24 in Orlando, Florida. The booth # is 444.

Upcoming events

- Nov.22-24 Exhibition at ACTFL
in Orlando, Florida
- Dec. 2 Chinese Proficiency
Test (HSK)
- Dec. 6-20 Visit of President
Edmondson, his wife
Laura Greyson,
CIAU director
Wilfred Huang to
China

Learn the Chinese Word and Know its Culture

The **panda**, also known as the **giant panda** to distinguish it from the unrelated red panda, is a bear native to south central China. It is easily recognized by the large, distinctive black patches around its eyes, over the ears, and across its round body. Though it belongs to the order Carnivore, the panda's diet is 99% bamboo. Pandas in the wild will occasionally eat other grasses, wild tubers, or even meat in the form of birds, rodents or carrion. In captivity, they may receive honey, eggs, fish, yams, shrub leaves, oranges, or bananas along with specially prepared food. The giant panda lives in a few mountain

ranges in central China, mainly in Sichuan province, but also in the Shaanxi and Gansu provinces. As a result of farming, deforestation and other development, the panda has been driven out of the lowland areas where it once lived, and now is considered as a kind of conservation reliant endangered species.



Source:

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

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