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MARCH 12-13, 2010

Foreign Language Association of Georgia (FLAG) conference

Discovering the Power of Language, Augusta, GA

If you are not a member of this organization, it is an important foreign language advocacy group, for more information on this conference and on joining FLAG, see <http://www.flageorgia.org/conference/2010Conference/conference-10.htm>

MARCH 27, 2010

Dr. Liuxi Meng will conduct a workshop on teaching Chinese poetry at GCLE / KSU CI. A certificate of teacher training workshop will be issued to attendees.

APRIL 1, 2010

Master of Arts in Teaching Chinese at Kennesaw State University

Application deadline for Summer 2010 extended!

KSU 中文教育硕士 (MAT) 报名截止日期延至四月一号

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/foreignlanguage/mat>.

For students not meeting 21 required undergraduate hours in Chinese, please make an appointment to take the Equivalency Exam in Chinese.

没有中国语言、文学、文化本科 21 学分的考生请预约对等考试

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/foreignlanguage/mat/admissions.html#equivalency>

APRIL 22-24, 2010

National Chinese Language Conference

Washington, D.C.

For the third year in a row, Chinese language educators, administrators from schools and local and state governments will gather to share exciting information about the continued growth of Chinese language programs in the U.S. -

<http://sites.asiasociety.org/nclc2010/>

MAY 1, 2010

Chinese Song Contest for High School Students. Details on timing and venue forthcoming. Save the date!

Opportunities, Announcements, Recent Events

Host a Chinese Exchange Student for the 2010-2011 Academic Year

Are you interested in having your school host a Chinese exchange student for the 2010-2011 academic year? A small foundation based in Seattle, The Laurasian Institute, has selected Atlanta as one of only a few sites where they will be placing a few of their hand-picked High School students from China. Each student who visits will be attending everyday classes at a public school, and also be available as a resource to the Chinese language teacher(s) at the school, in whatever capacity the Chinese teacher finds most useful. What an opportunity for your students of Chinese to interact with and become friends with a Chinese student, and perhaps even have the chance to host this student in their home for the year! If you are interested in getting more information, contact Krista Forsgren, the local coordinator for the Laurasian Institute on this project. kforsgren@gmail.com.

Apply for a Chinese Guest Teacher Program for Your School

The College Board, in collaboration with the National Council of State Supervisors for Languages (NCSSFL), is pleased to announce the 2010 Chinese Guest Teacher Program, made possible through a partnership with Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters in China. Since the program was launched in 2006, over 300 guest teachers have been placed in K-12 classrooms across 36 states. Chinese language and culture is taught by the guest teachers in public and private schools for one to three years.

Program Highlights

- Start or expand a Chinese program in a fast and cost-efficient way.
- Provide students with instruction from a native speaker of Chinese.
- Bring authentic Chinese culture and an international exchange experience into your classrooms and community.
- Save costs with the teacher's salary partially subsidized by Hanban.
- Receive a gift set of instructional resources provided by Hanban.
- Gain an opportunity for school administrators to apply to the Chinese Bridge Delegation, an educational trip to China in 2010.

How to Apply

- Apply online at: www.collegeboard.com/guestteacher
- Final deadline: March 8, 2010.
- Contact Us: E-mail: guestteacher@collegeboard.org Phone: 212-520-8583 or 212-713-8293

Summer Camp at the Lovett School

The one-week program is designed for students who have a thirst to learn and have fun, and a desire to open their hearts and minds to exploring the uniqueness of Chinese language and culture. While instructional emphasis will be placed on basic language skills, the culture will be simultaneously introduced through explorations of calligraphy, Chinese cuisine, the art of paper-cutting, Chinese songs, Chinese folk dances, video clips, martial arts, ping-pong, badminton, and other relaxing and fun activities. We have assembled the best teachers in the region to maximize your experience.

- **Dates:** June 7-11
- **Time:** 8:00am – 3:00pm
- **Age:** Rising 2nd-5th graders
- **Enrollment Limit:** 24 students
- **Instructors:** Kristie Walden and Betty Hu
- **Cost:** \$300 per week
- **Location:** Lower School

Virginia STARTALK Chinese Teacher Academy

The Department of East Asian Languages, Literatures and Cultures at the University of Virginia is pleased to announce its third annual teacher residential program in the hometown of the third US president, Thomas Jefferson.

Dates

June 28 – July 16, 2010

Location

University of Virginia (Charlottesville, Virginia)

Program Features

- Receive intensive training and practicum experience
- Earn up to five graduate credits in teaching Chinese as a foreign language
- Compile a comprehensive teaching E-portfolio
- Enjoy historic and cultural heritage at Thomas Jefferson's hometown

Scholarship & Stipend

\$2,500 scholarship and \$500 stipend

Application Deadline

Go to <http://xrl.us/UvaStartalk2010> to complete the online application by the deadline March 31st, 2010. (rolling admission)

Further Information

Visit <http://xrl.us/UVaStartalk2009> to learn more about the instructors

and read about the experience of participants from previous years.

Questions and Comments

Send us an email at uva-startalk@virginia.edu, or call Dr. Miao-fen Tseng (曾妙芬) at 434-924-0571. Participants may choose to earn either 3 or 5 credits. The program will cover the tuition for 3 credits for all participants. Those interested in receiving the additional 2 credits may choose do so at their own expense. Due to federal immigration restrictions pertaining to employment, H-1B visa holders are not eligible to receive a stipend, but can be reimbursed for travel expenses with appropriate documentation and receipts.

佐治亚州中文教师协会虎年新春聚会

GCLE Chinese New Year Celebration & Networking Lunch



event a big success.

More than 50 Chinese educators from K-16 schools in greater Atlanta, including Chinese language schools and Georgia Tech and Kennesaw State University gathered and enjoyed a professional networking lunch together on Saturday February 27 at KSU. This was a GCLE event which was generously hosted by the KSU Confucius Institute. 谢谢你 to the many CI employees and volunteers who helped make this

CI in Atlanta 2009 Events

The Confucius Institute in Atlanta, sponsored by the Chinese Language Council International, is a partnership among Emory, Atlanta Public Schools, and Nanjing. In addition to Chinese classes, the CI offers cultural workshops/lectures, introduce K-12 Chinese instruction, organize in-China programs such as speech contests and summer camps, serve as center for Chinese teacher training and Chinese curriculum development, help address the needs of the business community, etc. Here are some highlights from the 2009 Confucius Institute in Atlanta:

- Chinese Speech/Proficiency Contests
- Public Chinese Cultural Workshops
- 30th Anniversary of Sino-US Relations Series
- Summer Training Workshop for Chinese Teachers
- Public Lecture Series on Chinese Culture
- Chinese Bridge Summer Camp



Professional Development Workshop for K-12 Chinese Teachers at NGCSU



North Georgia College and State University organized a professional development workshop for K-12 Chinese teachers in the Atlanta area on April 18, 2009. This workshop was listed on the website of Georgia Department of Education. The admission was free and lunch was provided. The participants who completed the three parts of the workshop received PLU certificates. All the participants applauded this workshop and some viewed it as an "enlightening" experience.

提供中文教育交流合作平台、推动高质量中文教育发展

佐治亚州中文教师协会简介



佐治亚州中文教师协会 (Georgia Chinese Language Educators-GCLE) 于 2008 年 12 月 6 日在亚特兰大的 Lovett School 正式成立。该协会是一个非政治、非营利的教育组织，其宗旨是促进高质量的中国语言文化教育。作为中国语言教学、文化信息和咨询中心，该协会将针对在佐治亚州各中小学及大专院校从事中国语言文化教学的老师和弘扬中华文化的专业人士的需求，融汇国内外教学资源，提供不同层面的师资培训；协助学校行政人员开启中国语言文化课程，并通过举办各类中文或中华文化比赛与社交活动，给教师与学生提供交流合作的平台。协会成立短短一年，已有近 50 名教师成为会员。

佐治亚州中文教师协会的创始人是“亚洲之窗” (Windows on Asia) 的总裁 Krista Forsgren 女士，现代中文学校前任校长，现任教于 The Lovett School 的胡慧星老师，及曾获人民日报和中国中央电视台联合征文特等指导奖，现任教于 Westminster 的刘艳竹老师。Krista Forsgren 是第一任会长，胡慧星和刘艳竹是第一任副会长。

协会的首届理事除了三位创始人 Krista Forsgren 女士，胡慧星老师，刘艳竹老师以外，还有肯尼索州立大学中文部主任孟留喜博士，资深教师方桂兰和 Imagine Wesley International Academy 中文部主任 Anthony Chung 老师。首届 Advisory Board 成员有佐治亚州教育部 (Georgia State Department of Education) 外国语教育部专家 Jon Valentine 先生，Kennesaw State University 外语系主任 William Griffin 教授，Emory University 教授兼孔子学院院长蔡容教授，Georgia Tech 现代语言学院 Paul Foster 教授，North Georgia College & State University 文学院院长 Christopher Jespersen 教授。

近年来 佐治亚州汉语教育蓬勃发展，开设中文课程的中小学及大专院校日益增多。仅佐治亚中文教师协会统计的就有近 30 所学校。协会的成立无疑将为佐治亚州中文教育带来新的契机，从而推动高质量中文教育的发展。如需更多了解或联系佐治亚州中文教师协会，请访问协会的网站 <http://www.gcle.org>。

Focus on Chinese Language Programs

Imagine Wesley Chinese Choir and Folkdance Team Participated in Atlanta Chinatown Lunar New Year Celebration

学中文，体验中国文化--想象学校春节纪实

At Wesley, students are immersed in rich Chinese-English bilingual environment throughout the schools years. The exposure to the language was never seen as isolation, but always sought as an integral component of the international program as well as the



cultural experience is enhanced not only by the incorporation of art, music, and tradition, but also through participation to Chinese associations or institutions in town. Four professionally-trained and experienced Chinese language educators from China and Taiwan deliver quality lessons to all kindergarten through 5th grade primary school students and all 6th through 8th grade middle school students 45 minutes 5 days

per week.

中国有“瑞雪兆丰年”的谚语。伴随着牛年最后脚步，一场瑞雪飘洒而至，给亚城带来中国虎年的喜庆和吉祥。农历除夕的上午 11 点半左右，中国城春节游园会舞台上出现了一群不同肤色、不同年龄的美国小学生，他们是来自亚特兰大想象学校中文合唱团和舞蹈队的小朋友们。他们冒着严寒、不畏冰雪、欣喜雀跃地在父母和家人的陪伴下参加中国城的迎新春表演，欣赏了舞狮和舞龙并品尝了中国美食，从而更深入地体验中国文化，加深了学中文的乐趣。

首先出场的是九位身穿中国漂亮旗袍的小女孩们，她们手拿扇子在优雅动听的“茉莉花”歌声中翩翩起舞。孩子们的甜美的歌声和生龙活虎的动作，迎来了观众们阵阵热烈的掌声。接着，孩子们表演了生动活泼的儿童歌舞“拔萝卜”。你看那“老爷爷”、“小姑娘”、“小黄狗”和“小花猫”都来帮助小朋友们拔萝卜，一个个精神焕发，表达了团结友爱、互相帮助的团队精神。最后孩子们兴高采烈地在“恭喜恭喜”的歌声中结束了表演。

想象学校是亚特兰大特许学校（Charter School, K -8），中文是孩子们的一门必修课程，也是学校的一大文化亮点。学校由四位有着多年海外教学经验、敬业奉献、富有爱心的中文老师执教。全校从幼稚园到八年级的每个孩子每天都有 45 分钟的中文学习时间。孩子们对中文课的喜爱，鼓舞和促进了家长们对中文教学活动的支持和参与。中国春节和中秋节已被学校家长协会列为传统节日。

Chinese at the Lovett School

In 2000, the current Headmaster, Dr. Jim Hendrix, had a vision of helping our school develop a more multicultural program of instruction. He opened the Office of Multicultural



Affairs, began the process of diversifying the curriculum, and introduced the school's first non-western language program at a time when Chinese was not offered in any other private or K-12 school in the region. Lovett's 7-12 Chinese programs was the first of its kind, and now serves as a model to other schools in the region, both private and public, that are becoming increasingly interested in starting their own Chinese language

programs.

Our school now has a full-fledged Middle School Chinese program as well as an Upper School Chinese program. The language program aims to develop a strong, skills-based curriculum based on national and international communicative language learning standards, designed by the Middle and Upper School Chinese teachers, with the goal of fostering a richly supportive environment for students who will be successful on the Chinese Language and Culture AP Exam and/or the HSK exam.



As Lovett has worked on the core competencies of critical thinking and communication, our Chinese language instructors have continued to integrate cutting-edge technology into classrooms through the use of Smart Board interactive whiteboards and the Smart Response system, Voicethread, iPod, Flip Video, iMovie, Quia and Web 2.0. With the cutting-age technology, we can take our lessons above and beyond the confines of the textbook, create compelling learning experiences for the students, and design outstanding activities specific to the Chinese language classroom.

Additionally, aspects of Chinese history and culture have been infused into the curriculum from the kindergarten through 12th grade levels in a variety of ways. The students have had the privilege of meeting famed Chinese artists; exploring calligraphy and the two styles of Chinese art- meticulous and freehand; visiting the Chinese Medical Center; watching a traditional puppet show; attending a Chinese gala show; performing a dragon dance; making dumplings and other Chinese cuisine; singing Karaoke; chatting with visiting students from China; and participating in a summer immersion program in China.

With such programs, Lovett has been asked to host the launch meeting of the GCLE,

As well as several other workshops for educators across the state. We hope to continue to serve as a trend-setting institution for Chinese language education in the region.

Westminster Volunteers Joined the Global Health Action to Welcome Guests from China



Left to right, Jonathan Doan, Nina Gianturco Palmer Withers, Danielle Daley, Jose Luna, and Ms. Liu.

A group of Westminster students joined Mr. Stan Moor and the school Community Service Office in giving a reception for a public health delegation from the National Welfare Council of China on January 28, 2010. The reception was hosted by Global Health Action (GHA), a collaborative medical program between Emory University and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). GHA mainly provides training and consultation for public health and medical management professionals worldwide. The Chinese delegation came for a two-week welfare management training. Westminster students have joined GHA in the past to give receptions to medical

professionals from countries in Africa, South America, and Southeast Asia before. This is the first time that they welcomed guests from China. All of the students are currently taking Chinese. The Chinese guests were very impressed by the Westminster students' fluent Chinese. They not only enjoyed speaking with the volunteers, but also showed great interest in learning about Westminster.

Through hosting guests from China, Westminster students went above and beyond the current Chinese language learning model; they not only joined conversations on various topics in the target language, but also actively initiated conversations and social interactions with native speakers in real world practice. They played the role of a host successfully! As the director of GHA shared "The staff here (GHA) was beyond impressed at the level of Mandarin that the Westminster volunteers spoke... it was so much fun watching how excited the Chinese guests became when they realized that the students spoke Mandarin...which enhanced the overall attitude of everyone and helped make the reception successful." The Westminster volunteers represented their school very well and completed the assignment with wonderful success! Their volunteer project brings a new way for developing communicative competence to K-12 Chinese language education.



Westminster volunteers and the guests: front left 3: Mr. Stan Moor, back left 3, Mr. Yang, the secretary of the National Welfare Council of China.

Chinese Language Program at North Atlanta High School

North Atlanta High School has provided Chinese language as one of the four world languages (Spanish, French, and Arabic) for 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th students. Recently, we have 96 students studying in Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4 Chinese program. Ninth graders and 10th graders are in AP Chinese program, Part of 11th graders is in Slow Level IB Chinese program, and part of 12th graders are in High Level IB Chinese program.



Last summer, five of our students were selected studying in China through 2009 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp for American High School Students sponsored by Hanban (Office of Chinese

Language Council International). Another four students were selected and sponsored studying in China via Atlanta Public Schools under American Promoting Study Abroad Global Education Youth Fellowship Program.

谁说汉语难学?

Who say Chinese is difficult to learn? In addition to demonstrating their achievement on the whiteboard, students also showed their proficiency in a three meters long white paper glued in classroom wall. Every one could get feedback from their classmates; they also learn from each other.



期末汉字听写获胜者合影留念

Chinese character competition winners: Close to the end of a semester, students have Chinese character competition. Kings and queens will be produced. Dr. Frutiger, the Coordinator at International Studies Department, rewarded these kings and queens and had a picture with them to honor their achievement.



庆祝中国农历新年 -- 压岁钱

Authentic Chinese money for authentic leaning: While teaching students language and culture about Chinese Lunar New Year, Dr. Zhao prepared students with

authentic Chinese money, fortune cookie, and other food for authentic learning.



我给校长拜年, 校长给我发压岁钱



The meaning of New Year's money: Mr. Mygrant, the Principal at North Atlanta High School, accepted students' greetings in Chinese, 拜年. He gave each student Chinese New Year's money, 压岁钱. Students have learned how to respect the elder; they also have learned the money they received from the elder represented the best wishes.

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Chinese New Year Celebration at Woodward Academy

On Feb 6th, one week before Chinese New Year, Chinese students from Woodward Academy and their families went to eat dim sum at Oriental Seafood restaurant to start the celebration of Chinese New Year. On Feb 11th, the Chinese club at Woodward



Academy celebrated Chinese New Year by bringing homemade Chinese food, decorating classroom with new year decorations, listening to new year music, and receiving the red envelope from a special guest who brought Chinese coins and treats to them. Feb 12th, all Chinese students at

Woodward Academy learned and practiced Chinese calligraphy writing in class. Feb 12th, some Primary School students at Woodward Academy learned about Chinese New Year and lion dance. They also received red envelopes with Chinese coins and treats from a special guest.



*****Interested in being more involved with GCLE? If you are interested in being more involved in GCLE - as a possible future Board member or volunteer to help with certain events and newsletters, please let us know by sending a letter of interest via e-mail to gcle@gmail.com.

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