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## Announcement

### 通知

Chinese Speech Contest for high school students to be held in greater Atlanta in March 2011.

为了提高中学生汉语的表达及应变能力，培养他们学习汉语的积极性和创造性，并促进各校间汉语学习的交流、沟通与合作，乔治亚州中文教育者协会和 Kennesaw 大学孔子学院初定于二零一一年三月在亚特兰大地区举办首届中学生汉语演讲比赛。欢迎乔治亚州无中国文化语言背景的在校中学生踊跃参赛。

参赛具体地点和内容范围将另行通知。联系人: Dr. Zhao Fangxia, fzhaol@comcast.net.



## Cultural Exchange at--

### IMAGINE WESLEY INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

On September 16, 2010, the students of Imagine Wesley received a great opportunity to experience a cultural exchange featuring acts taken from *A Night of Dance and Song*. The students from kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade witnessed various dances such as the Long Sleeve dance and the Red Ribbon Dance. It was a new thrilling experience for the children to witness such a beautiful demonstration of traditional Chinese folk arts.

The presentation was sponsored by the Confucius Institute at Kennesaw State University.



## CHINESE AT THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS

Service learning is a Westminster tradition. Each year, many Westminster students join local and international programs and endeavors to extend their learning beyond the classroom and actively contribute to the local and global community.

### Westminster Volunteers at the Shanghai World Expo

#### 上海世博会的威斯敏斯特志愿者



**From Left to right: Palmer Withers, Jose Luna, and their colleagues at the Coca Cola Exhibition**

This summer, two Westminster students, Jose Luna and Palmer Withers worked as volunteers in the Shanghai World Expo. The two students volunteered in the Coca Cola Exhibition. They took on various responsibilities from hosting VIP groups to distributing beverages. They displayed wonderful flexibility and team working capacity and won great compliments from their fellow Chinese team members. As the director of the Coca Cola Exhibition shared “Regardless where they were, they worked with full diligence and delivered good performance...” Mandarin was the main language used in daily job assignments at



the World Expo. Jose and Palmer’s Chinese colleagues were impressed by their fluent Chinese and the Westminster spirit they displayed in their job!

## Hosting Chinese Medical Delegation at the Global Health Action

### 接待来自中国的医疗工作者

A group of Westminster students joined Mr. Stan Moor and the Westminster Community Service office to host a reception for the Chinese medical delegation at the Global Health Action conference this past fall. This is the second time Westminster students have joined the Emory University Global Education program



and welcomed guests from China. All of the volunteers are currently taking Chinese language courses. The guests were very excited when they realized that the Westminster volunteers spoke Mandarin. The reception was pleasant and relaxing. The guests enjoyed the great hospitality of the GHA and Westminster. They especially enjoyed speaking with the Westminster volunteers in Chinese.

## The Lovett School Was Represented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chinese Bridge-Chinese Proficiency Competition in China

During the period of October 17-30, 2010, the Lovett School Chinese teacher, Mrs. Kristie Walden, served as chaperon for the students at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chinese Bridge-Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Secondary School Students in Chongqing, China.



A student from the Lovett School, eleventh grader Dylan McIntyre, was honored with an invitation from the Chinese government to observe this competition as a result of placing third at the intermediate level in Massachusetts in April. Dylan has been learning Chinese since he was in seventh grade.

Over 100 students from 35 different countries were in attendance, and about 40 other

teachers were chaperones. The two weeks were packed with sightseeing Chongqing and experiencing authentic Chinese cuisine, as well as watching the speech competition. Three days were spent in Beijing, where we saw the Great Wall and the Forbidden City, as well as Olympic venues. The students and the chaperones also got a chance to meet many distinguished people, some of who were government officials. The American team placed third overall and was voted most popular on the competition's website.



## **News Highlights from the Chinese Program at Northview High School**

- Thirteen students enrolled in AP Chinese class last fall at this school. After nearly a year of intensive study of Chinese language and culture, they all took the AP Chinese Exam on May 5, 2010 and all scored perfect 5 on the exam, according to the released AP report.
- More than thirty students who studied Chinese language graduated in the spring of 2010. Among them, ten students studied Chinese for four years since the program started in 2006.
- Two junior students received full scholarship for StarTalk Furman Chinese Language Camp in the summer of 2010. The program was funded by a National Critical Language Initiative StarTalk grant at Furman University. Students in this two-week program engaged in intensive Chinese language learning and explored Chinese culture through a variety of lenses.
- Two students at Chinese level 3 participated in FLAG Spoken Language Contest and won Superior rating in March, 2010.

## Chinese Educators Celebrated Teachers Day in Houston

### 优秀中文教师座谈会在休士顿领馆举行

The Office of Education of the Chinese Consulate General in Houston hosted a conference on September 12, 2010 to celebrate the Chinese Teachers Day. The GCLE Board members, Ms. Betty Hu and Ms. Gail Fang, recommended by CI at KSU, attended the conference, together with approximately 20 dynamic Chinese educators from across the US. This conference provided a great opportunity for the educators to share insights on the growing demand of Chinese and on teaching Chinese at American schools. Yan Guohua, the Consul and Director of the Office of Education, highly praised the GCLE for its phenomenal work in the past two years. Mr. Yan assured that he and his colleagues would provide exceptional support to the GCLE.



前排左一：佐治亚州教师协会会长胡慧星  
前排左三：休士顿领馆教育领事唐筠  
后排左三：佐治亚州教师协会财务理事方桂兰  
后排左五：休士顿领馆教育魏领事  
后排左七：休士顿领馆教育参赞闫国华

为庆祝一年一度的教师节，休士顿领馆教育组于9月12日在休斯敦教育组办公楼召开优秀中文教师座谈会，20多位在东南区美国大中小学任教的汉语教师参加了座谈会。Kennesaw孔夫子学院推荐了佐治亚州教师协会会长胡慧星，财务理事方桂兰两位教师前往。与会老师就所在地区中文教学状况、存在的困难和问题、建议等方面做了发言。闫参赞和唐领事对佐治亚州的教师协会融汇国内外教学资源，为该州从事中国语言暨文化教学的老师提供不同层面的的师资培训；举办各类中文或中华文化比赛与社交活动给与了很高的赞赏，并表示以后将会一如既往地大力支持教师协会的工作。



Dr. Hong Gang Jin Lectured to

Chinese Teachers in Atlanta

著名中国语言学教授靳洪刚在亚  
城演讲

The nationally recognized teacher trainer, Dr. Hong Gang Jin, Professor from Hamilton College lectured on task-based Chinese language teaching at the Lovett School to Chinese teachers from K-16 schools in greater Atlanta on October 17, 2010.

国际知名的中文教师培训者、美国AP中国语言与文化发展委员会主席、汉密尔顿学院（Hamilton College）东亚语言文学系教授靳洪刚博士，上周六（十月十七日）两点到六点在 The Lovett School 就怎样有效地进行中文教学进行了演讲。来自大亚特兰大地区公校及中文学校的 K-12 及部分大学中文老师聆听了这场高水平、有实效的演讲。

靳教授曾就中文教学法撰写与出版了多种著作及论文。她的演讲结合大量课堂实例，深入浅出地阐释了任务教学法；此教学法对改革传统教法、在美国课堂进行汉语教学，尤其对在美国出生和接受教育的中国孩子的中文教学有切实的帮助。



任务教学法是目前外语教学界常用的一种新的课程设计 & 教学测试方法。这种方法强调语言的应用能力，注重培养学习者的全方位语言使用能力。

这种能力不但包括语言的知识学习，而且包括语言的技能训；既注重语言功能，又强调语言形式；不但强调语言输入的重要性，而且突出语言输出、语义协商的作用。任务教学法可以说是一种吸引学生参与的有效教学法。靳教授重点介绍了任务教学法中的任务设计。通过介绍任务设计及实施来进一步说明两点：一是现代语言教学在原则、能力标准及课程设计上有什么新变化及新趋势；二是第二语言教师在任务设计时应注意哪些方面的问题：如任务组成部分、任务循环、任务排序、复杂度控制以及任务实施程序。

本次演讲由佐治亚州中文教师协会和 KSU 孔子学院联手举办。与会老师听了靳教授的演讲深受启发；他们建议佐治亚州中文教师协会多举办这样的演讲交流会。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>。

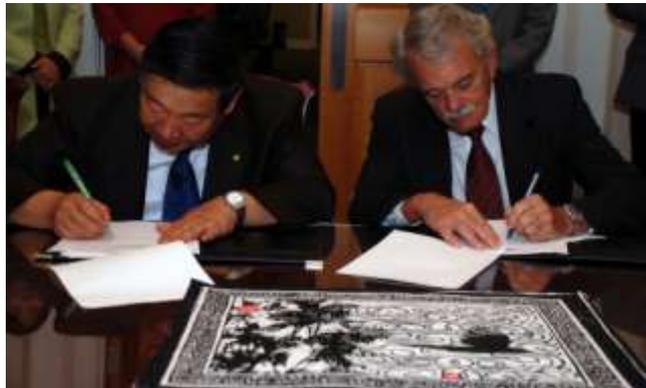


Five students from West Hall High  
School  
attended 2010 China Bridge  
Summer camp.

Elizabeth Nguyen(2<sup>nd</sup> from left on last row), Elizabeth Barrett(1<sup>st</sup> from right on 2<sup>nd</sup> row), Hanh Nguyen(2<sup>nd</sup> from right on first row), Jennifer Dinh (center, middle of 2<sup>nd</sup> row) and Michael Dematto (1<sup>st</sup> from left on the 3<sup>rd</sup> row) were practicing Gong Fu with red fan at the camp.

## **North Georgia College & State University hosted a delegation from China's Liaocheng University**

In October, North Georgia College & State University hosted a delegation from China's Liaocheng University. The administrators and faculty members from China seek to learn more about American higher education administration during the two-week visit, looking at best practices, instructional settings, and the array of services North Georgia provides.



“They want to study American higher education... what are its historical roots, how is it structured, how does it operate across the board – academically, fiscally, student affairs, governance – all pieces,” Dr. Bob Michael, dean of North Georgia's School of Education, said.

The visit also serves to strengthen ties between the two schools. While a faculty exchange program created in 2009 sent four North Georgia faculty to Liaocheng to teach in May and June, an agreement signed during the visit to North Georgia created a student exchange program between the two schools. Pictured are Cheng Yuhai, chairman of the Liaocheng University Council, and Dr. David Potter, president of North Georgia College & State University.

North Georgia's internationalization plan, which is tied to the institution's strategic plan, is focused on helping students become globally competent citizens and developing an awareness of other regions of the world and their relationship with the United States and its interests. Study abroad experiences and faculty exchange programs are critical elements of this effort.

## **Dr. Fangxia Zhao acted as a judge at the Chinese Speech Contest at Emory**

The GCLE Board member, Dr. Fangxia Zhao, was invited to act as a judge at the Chinese Speech Contest on November 10, 2010 at Emory University. Participants were mostly students from the Chinese program at Emory University. Dr. Zhao also took four students from her high school to perform at the Contest.

The students' presentations were highly evaluated by the judges and professors at Emory.



## **KSU Expands Its Chinese Program and Asian Studies Program**

Under current financial stress, Kennesaw State University has newly hired two tenure-track professors, one for the Chinese Program and the other for the Asian Studies Program, to respond to growing student demand for instruction of Chinese and Asian Studies.

Dr. Wenhua Jin is hired as Assistant Professor of Chinese. She received her B.A. and M.A. in English from Liaoning University in China, and her Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Texas at Arlington. For many years in China and the US, Dr. Jin taught English and Chinese language and linguistics at the university level. Her research interests include Chinese language acquisition and pedagogy, Chinese linguistics, Asian language variation and change, cross-cultural communication, general phonetics and phonology, and sociolinguistics.

Dr. Sarasij Majumder is hired as Assistant Professor of Asian Studies and Anthropology, is a cultural anthropologist and recently completed his PhD from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He received his BA in Sociology from the University of Calcutta. He did his Masters and M.Phil in Sociology from Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, India. Dr. Majumder's broader research interests include critical political economy, development, and rural change in South and South-East Asia. He is also interested in Critical Media Studies, Economic Anthropology, Anthropology of Neoliberalism, Anthropology of Globalization and Transnationalism, Agrarian Transition, Anthropology of Mass Media, Environmental Anthropology, Power and Agency, Anthropology of Consumption, South Asia.

Welcome Dr. Wenhua Jin and Dr. Sarasij Majumder to Georgia!

\*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](mailto:gcle@gmail.com).

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