



Southern Connecticut Chinese School

南康中文学校校刊

Southern Connecticut Chinese School Newsletter

∞ Issue 15 ∞ May 2014 ∞ English Edition

School Office: **A105 Engleman Hall**, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT
Office Hours: (school classes): Sunday 1:20 – 5:00 pm

www.ynhchineseschool.org
Phone: (203) 285-8088

Award for Excellence in Chinese Language Learning

10th Grade: Janet Zheng, Andrew Lou, Helen Liu

9th Grade: Lele Bian, Henry Hu, Brian Hao, Jeff Zheng, Andy Guo, Eric Xia, Kim Yeung, Steven Yeung, Haoyi Lei

8th Grade (1): Emily Ji, Weixin Du, Audrey Ruan, Justine Luo, George Liang, Sophia Cheng, Jason Zheng

8th Grade (2): Howard Ding, Kailin Guo, Daniel Shao, Justin Ye, Andrew Zhang, Michael Bi Zhou

Award for Diligence and Improvement in Chinese Language Learning

10th Grade: Lynn Liu, Michael Zhou, Yiheng Li, Kevin Jin, Evan Cheng

9th Grade: Andre Cai, Lucia Lian, Zachary Wang, Catherine Qiu

8th Grade (1): Michelle Cheng, Vince Li, Jingzhao Liang, Sharon Cheng

8th Grade (2): Allen Wang, Kevin Zhao, Michael Zhu, Jenna Lu

Award for Excellence in Chinese Composition

10th Grade: Andrew Lou, Lynn Liu, Janet Zheng

9th Grade: LeLe Bian, Henry Hu, Andy Guo, Jeff Zheng, Brian Hao

8th Grade (1): Audrey Ruan, Justine Luo, Emily Ji, Weixin Du, Sophia Cheng

8th Grade (2): Howard Ding, Daniel Shao, Justin Ye

Award for Best Attendance

10th Grade: Kevin Jin, Yiheng Li

9th Grade: Haoyi Lei, Eric Xia, Kim Yeung

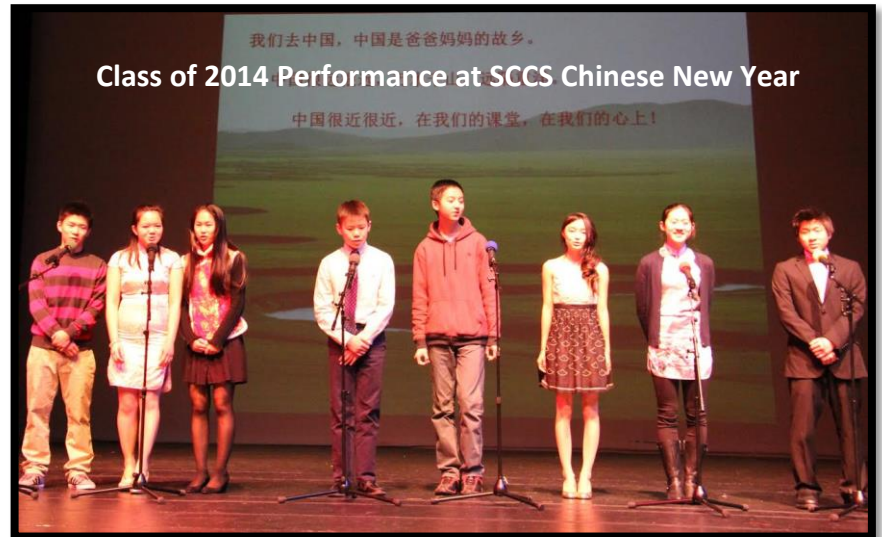
8th Grade (1): Jingzhao Liang, George Liang, Jason Zheng, Michelle Cheng, Vince Li

8th Grade (2): Kailin Guo, Andrew Zhang, Michael Bi Zhou, Kevin Zhao

Editors

Helen Liu (刘海伦)

Jack He (和雨)



Class of 2014 Performance at SCCS Chinese New Year

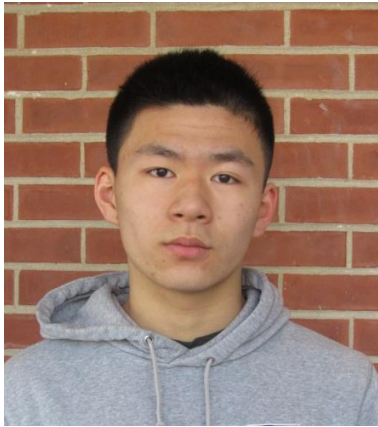


Congratulations
to our new
graduates



Class of 2014 Prepared to Learn





郑嘉荣 Evan Cheng

Hello all, it has been with great pleasure to have achieved this accomplishment with my fellow students and teachers. My name is Evan Cheng and it has been five years since I started learning Chinese in this Chinese school. During those five years, my Chinese education coincided with all my other activities including regular school, sports, music, and other leisure activities. Currently, I am a tenth grader at the Hopkins School in New Haven, CT. In the school, I participate in many clubs, and sports. For sports, I enjoy playing soccer and track. In terms of other extracurricular activities, I enjoy computer programming, reading, playing guitar, and playing videogames. My favorite subjects in school are math and science. Because of this, I strive to go to medical school to become a doctor. In Chinese school, I love to interact with others in Chinese and learn more about this culture of my ancestors. In the future, I hope to improve my Chinese not only to the point of fluency, but beyond.



金航 Kevin Jin

My name is Kevin Jin and I have been studying Chinese for 10 years. Besides studying Chinese, I also love to swim. Swimming as a competition sport was a great way for me to give myself a motivation to push myself to be just a little bit better. Small improvements to my swimming mean small improvements to my time. Just getting that little bit faster lets me know that I can push limits, even if they are greatly against me. Music takes a large part of my time as well. I have been playing and studying flute for seven years now. Along the way I have had the pleasure to play with all different kinds of both brilliant flutists and musicians alike. As with swimming, most of my motivation for flute comes from trying to be just a little bit better. Some improvements were small, some huge. But over these seven years, these improvements are now very pronounced in my playing. This year, I will be participating in the CMEA All-State festival as a flutist in the symphony orchestra. As for Chinese language study, I plan to continue my immersion in Chinese. This language has given me a way to communicate with people who hold a rich culture, history, and story.



李颐恒 Yiheng Li

I am a 15 year old sophomore in Daniel Hand High School. And I moved into the town of Madison about 4 years ago and still live there today. When I have the time, I usually like to play competitive games, whether it be tennis or some video game. Other times I would find myself building things. When I was little, all I used to do was build Lego kits and wooden airplanes at the Eli Whitney museum. And as a kid, I've been speaking Chinese all along, so my spoken Chinese is better than written without a doubt. In Chinese

school, I've been here since 1st grade. And all this Chinese education will most likely help me in my future careers which I hope to be either engineering or perhaps computer science related applications. So I am pretty glad that I have taken Chinese for so long, as it seems to be more important every day.



刘海伦 Helen Liu

My name is Helen Liu. Currently I am 16 and reside in Orange, CT. As of now, I'm in my 10th grade at Amity Regional High School. In school, I enjoy science, English, and my math classes. I love learning about new discoveries and simply learning new knowledge. As a person outside of school, I love to play the violin and viola, run, play tennis, and draw. Learning about new cutting-edge technology, or just general information on science has always interested me. I love conducting research but I especially enjoy learning about our human anatomy and how the biological processes work. As such, I wish to become an OB/GYN (Obstetrics and Gynecology) doctor. It's a dream of mine to help bring a new life into the world.

Looking back, I've been with SCCS since the first grade I was eligible, now in my 10th year. I remember how I couldn't believe I'd be here for 10 years; the time felt like it was many years out of my reach. I didn't understand the need why I should learn Chinese, but I am absolutely grateful for the knowledge SCCS has provided me. Because of Chinese School, I can read, write, and speak Chinese, a language that I know I will use in the future. Being able to communicate in Chinese is a feat, and

May 2014

I am so thankful I can communicate with my grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Even though I am now done with SCCS, I know for a fact that I will continue to use and expand my knowledge of the Chinese language and culture.



刘筠璿 Lynn Liu

My name is Lynn Liu. I am a sophomore at Hopkins School. This means that I'm always busy with homework, but I still find time to have hobbies outside of school. I really like music, and I play piano and cello. I am in the Youth Orchestra at the Neighborhood Music School and was on the All State Orchestra for the CMEA last year. I play tennis, squash, and volleyball everyday after school. I really enjoy math. I am part of the math team at Hopkins and qualified for the Connecticut ARML team this year. I've always also had an interest in science, especially in medicine. Recently I have decided that I want to become a dermatologist. In the meantime, I'm taking as many sciences as I can. Next year, I'm taking three science courses: AP Biology, AP Physics I, and Anatomy and Physiology.

Over the summer I will be volunteering at Yale New Haven hospital, and during the school year, I tutor local elementary school kids every week. I find helping others very enjoyable and feel that it is important to have a presence in your community.

I've been going to Chinese school for about nine years now. However, I was always immersed in Chinese culture. Both my parents are Chinese, and my grandparents used to teach me how to write Chinese and recite Chinese poems while they babysat me. During

my time at this school, I have met many amazing teachers and countless everlasting friends. But perhaps most importantly, I have gained a priceless knowledge of Chinese language and culture that I will continue to use and treasure all my life.




楼云东 Andrew Lou

My name is Andrew Lou. I am eleven years old, a sixth grader at Highland elementary school in Cheshire. I have been learning Chinese for 6 years. I used to go to CCSU Chinese School but I switched over to here this year. I am very appreciative to all of my Chinese teachers who taught me Chinese. Learning Chinese has not only taught me a lot of Chinese culture but has also brought a lot of joy into my life, because I can use my Chinese knowledge to easily read Chinese novels, watch Chinese TV and enjoy Chinese music. My other activities include playing violin, playing piano and swimming. I have been playing violin for 5 years, piano for 7 months and I am also a member of the Seadog swim team. When I grow up, I want to pursue a medical related career, using my medical knowledge to help people.



The 2014 SCCS Graduation Ceremony was held on Sunday, May 4, 2014. Professor Zhiwu Chen from Yale University was invited as the guest speaker.




郑颖盈 Janet Zheng

Hi my name is Janet Zheng. I have studied at SCCS for 10 years. Part of my studies took place at our old campus at Yale and the other is at our current location. Throughout my Chinese school years I have participated in various extra curriculars at the school. When I was younger I was a part of a dance group in the school. In addition I studied a higher math level class and a Chinese literature class. I had a great experience here at SCCS. I have made friends and teachers who have helped me improve my Chinese and expand my exposure to Chinese culture and language.

I am also a senior in high school. I will be attending UConn Storrs campus in the fall. Throughout my high school career, it has been a struggle for me to find the real "Janet". As I have found out my answer is not a simple one because my family will always be a part of who I am. Growing up all my choices were influenced by my parents. Now as a young adult, my decisions are more independent. Being able to break out this shell of being sheltered by my parents is the start of finding out who I am.

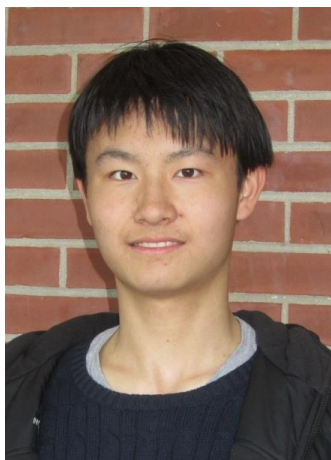
Being a student at a magnet high school has given me many opportunities to participate in various programs to discover myself. Having these experiences have helped me understand more about the diverse community that I grew up in these past four years and also more about what I enjoy and how they affected my decisions for future plans.

During my freshman year, I volunteered at the local New Haven Free Public Library and was able to create a program that taught either Spanish or Chinese, depending on which the children decided.

At the beginning of my junior year I had an idea of teaching a beginner flute class after school. It was a great opportunity to test out the idea of becoming a music teacher or a major in flute performance.

I still volunteer at Ten Thousand Villages; a fair trade organization that sells handicrafts made by artisans in developing countries. Having this opportunity was amazing because not only was I learning how to be a sales associate, but I also learned so much about the items that were sold through the store.

Since many of my extra curriculums were around the idea of diversity, I believe that these experiences help shape my identity. Going through all this has unlocked more pieces to this puzzle; finding out more about myself has set a foundation, which allows me to pursue what I want in life.



周康 Michael Zhou

I'm Michael Zhou, a sophomore currently attending Hopkins School in New Haven.

I fold origami, aspire to be a pilot, and consider myself an avid birdwatcher. My favorite bands and singers are Macklemore, OneRepublic, Lana del Rey and Bastille. I'm a burning poet, a freelance writer, and a religious composer. Historical figures that inspire me include Thoreau, Machiavelli and Napoleon. My favorite vacation spot is also my family's hometown, Suzhou. I have



THANK YOU TO SCCS FROM CLASS OF 2014 FOR TEACHING US CHINESE LANGUAGE THESE 10 YEARS



had many interesting experiences, and a great majority of them, on Sundays, have been at S.C. Chinese School.

In my free time, I read Fitzgerald and Brontë, collect numbers, code programs, practice math, and read formal science reports and articles. Ever since middle school, I've been fond of competition math; this year I am participating as part of the Greater New Haven Math League and CT ARML team. Similarly, I'm also part of my school's JETS and Science Olympiad teams. I've had Biology and Chemistry class experience, and I hope to take Physics next year. With that said, although my favorite subjects at school are generally mathematics and sciences, I also find American and European history to be valuable experiences.

When I'm not spending time studying or reading, I like to play sports and share music. Piano is by far the most expressive form of music for me, and I have dedicated several years to exploring musical pieces from Debussy, Beethoven and Bach. I'm a fan of professional squash (PSA) and play recreationally with my friends from time to time. Other than that, I enjoy running seasonal Cross Country and Track at my school. Prior to high school, I also did a good amount of swimming and tennis over the summers as well.

The closing of this semester marks my 10th year of SCCS - I have been attending classes since 1st grade. Throughout my years here, beyond supplementing my vocabulary and improving my ability to converse in the language, I've participated in several Moon Festivals and Chinese New Year's celebrations and studied a variety of classical Chinese literature and poetry. I've had nearly a decade of learning in a culturally-simulating environment at SCCS. As a graduating student, I'm grateful for the many wonderful instructors and parent volunteers in this community, and I hope to continue honoring my Chinese heritage with pride.



Special Thanks to 和老师

谢谢!