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GLOBAL MENTORING PROGRAM SIAS International University Mentoring Project

This new program is designed to connect a SIAS University senior student with a professional person who will serve as a mentor for the period of November to May.



The purpose is to develop a student/advisor relationship that will focus on finding solutions or developing strategies to address current content course work area and/or discover paths to reaching goals beyond the classroom. These could include advanced study, resume development, job search, or sorting through the issues of transition from classroom to workplace. It is a relationship that will build a solid and firm partnership and allow mentors to gain insight to issues important to Chinese university students at SIAS. For more information about SIAS go to WWW.SIAS.EDU.CN

Contacts between mentors and mentees will be a minimum of twice per month by e-mail, phone, or SKYPE. We will request a one-page monthly report on the nature of the mentor/mentee exchange so we can use your experience to strengthen and build the program.

We will celebrate the success of the program in May at the 10th Anniversary of SIAS University by convening the mentees and as many mentors as we can to the campus for this celebration. Participation at SIAS is not a requirement for being a mentor.

To find out more about this new program contact info@globalinteractions.org to receive an invitation letter and the Mentor Application. Mentees applications are already arriving through the various clubs and activities at SIAS. We intend to launch our first group by November 1, so please act now to get in on the initial group.

Your contribution to the development of a young professional to the global workforce will make a significant impact on their future. Thank you for your generous contribution of your interest and expertise to this new project.

OPENING OF THE INSTITUTE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Sept 25, 2008-Xinzheng, CN The Institute on Environmental and Social Responsibility was opened by SIAS International University President Shawn Chen at a meeting before 1,300 students, Chinese and foreign faculty, and guests.



Cui Lin, Friends of Nature, Paul Elsner, SIAS Board, Rene Ng, Institute Director, Roger Burton, SoL consultant, Yang Ningyuan, Institute on Applied Cognitive Research, Jerrie Ueberle, SIAS Board, Carol Fitzgerald, SIAS Board, Ji Mei Jian Zan, Principal, Gary Malmon, Sherry Liu, Kevin Krauss, Ci Zi Jia Cuo, Tibetan School in Qinghai, Will Zhang, SoL China, Li Hanjiu., President, SIAS University

The announcement of the Institute was followed by presentation of letters of congratulations and by a Symposium where a panel of experts spoke on environmental issues. The panel keynoter was Roger Burton, SoL China Advisor, a part of Peter Senge's Society for Organizational Learning network. Additional panelists included Will Zhang, Sherry Liu, and Gary Malmon, members of the Institute Board, as well as two Tibetan rinpoche who spoke about the environmental programs being provided to their students in a Qinghai Tibetan school.

The work of the Institute is being formulated. Current staff includes Rene Ng, as director. There is a search committee being formed for a Dean of the Institute. A Leadership Retreat is scheduled for November 19th at Tan Zhe Si Temple outside Beijing. This Retreat will generate and form the constructs and operating structure for the Institute, opening it up to new Board members and participants.

2008 FALL WOMEN'S BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEUR SYMPOSIUM

Sept 24, Xinzheng, CN Upon the request of Dr. Li Yanling and Global Interactions this fall program was developed and delivered to 1,300 women senior students at SIAS University

Keynote Speakers



Donna Chancellor, President
Communications Consultant
"Women Leading Change"



Zhu Ling
Alumnae of SIAS International University
"Attitude Decides Everything"



Fang Xiaoping, CEO
Shanghai Idea Communication Co., Ltd.
"Entrepreneurship and Consolidation"



Qin Nan
10th Chairman of SIAS Student University
"Harmonious Team in Women's View"

This Symposium specifically focused on women preparing to enter the business world. We were delighted to be joined by a delegation of seven Shanghai business women who came with Ms. Wen from the Shanghai Women's Federation for a three day visit to the campus.



Tao, Yu, Shi, Mesa High School Principal John Sonder, Ueberle, and Liu after tour and briefing of academic curriculum and related programs.

XIAN SCHOOL MEMBERS VISIT MESA SCHOOLS

Three members from Bodi School in Xian were brought to Phoenix by Ray Yu, Director, American Education Alliance, a Los Angeles colleague who supports the building of school partnerships with Global Interactions. Ray attended the April Summit and made arrangements for the Chinese delegates attending the Education Partnership Summit.

Representatives from Bodi included Shi Xirong, Vice Principal, Liu Yubo, Vice Principal of International Programs, Mr. Tao Huang, son of Ms. Shi and student at the University of Southern California, and Mr. Hugna Anlu, husband of Ms. Shi.

Rhodes Junior High World Studies Academy hosted the group for a tour of the campus highlighting their international program, band, math, science, and opportunities to observe the interactive classroom environments that promote collaborative teaching and learning. Principal Matt Devlin and Jim Little, and a host of teachers and students made the experience informative and enjoyable.

Mesa High School's principal conducted a tour of the campus and academic programs which included Xan Simonson's Biotech Laboratory. The group engaged with her students, as well as, visited unique and engaging programs such as the Wells Fargo Bank that is a fully operating bank on Mesa High campus. As well as providing banking service to staff and student, the bank offers on the job training for students interested in the financial industry. This is a one of its kind program; MHS is the only location in the United States to have this service and learning opportunity available. Yes, had the Chinese visitors wanted to exchange money (Yuan to dollars), they could have done that! Thanks to John Sonder, Principal of Mesa High School for his excellent hospitality to our guests.



Bodi School Vice Principal Liu, Principal Shi and Matt Devlin, Principal, Rhodes Junior High World Studies Academy.



Mr. Hugna, Mr. Yu, Ms. Liu, Mr. Devlin, Ms. Ueberle, Ms. Tao, Mr. Little



Visit to Mesa High School BioTech Laboratory. Xan Simonson led the tour and discussion. A proposed partnership with Bodi is being discussed.

REMEMBERING THE OLYMPICS Jerrie Ueberle

I was in Beijing before and during the Opening of the Olympic Games. Below are photos of Beijing children and adults celebrating this great international event.

In September when I was back in China I asked friends, "What was the most exciting part of the Olympics for you? I had expected them to talk about the athletes, the gold medals, the broken world records, and the phenomenal Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Their answers surprised, touched and moved me. Below are the responses from my Chinese university students.

- "... the spirit of my nation during this time."
- "...the Olympics united my country."
- "... we (China) related to the world in a different way that increased their understanding of the Chinese culture."
- "... China has more confidence to do things much better than ever before."
- "...how China showed our country will attract more people to want to invest in China."
- "... we introduced China to the world."
- "... we showed our credibility to the world."



Floral display in Tiananmen, Family Celebrating, Olympic ring haircut, Proud Young Chinese, One World, One Dream floral display in Tiananmen.

CELEBRATE THE HONORS Several of Global Interactions delegates and friends have received outstanding honors for their professional work and community service. We are proud to share their honors and acknowledge their leadership. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Ina Copeland received the Athena Award in Phoenix in September for her leadership in community work.



Karen Dickinson received the Center of Influence Award from the Arizona Business Journal.



BJ Katz received the 2008 Arizona Artist of the Year Award by Art Renaissance Initiative.

Ina, Karen, and BJ were members of the Arizona Women's Delegation for the inaugural visit to Shanghai to meet with our partners at the Shanghai Women's Federation in May.

All three women participated in the study program with 1300 SIAS women students spoke at the Women for a Global Society Symposium on SIAS International University. Karen Dickinson gave a keynote address entitled, *"The Impact of Women on the Legal Professional in the United States and China"*; BJ spoke on the *"Importance of Communication Skills and Positive Relationships in Achieving Success"*.



Dr. Wong Mai-Lon received the Outstanding Contributor to Education Award from the Arizona Asian-American Association in November. Dr. Wong attended the America-Asia Summit on Education Partnership in April 2008.



Tian Huiping, Founder and Director of Stars and Rain, an Education Institute for Autism received ONE MILLION RMB from actor Jet Li's Jet Li One Foundation. The award is given to non-profit organizations in China that excel in management efficiency, operation performance, and social influence.

Tian Huiping's friendship with Global Interactions is longer than 10 years. We first met in Washington, D.C. when she was there seeking information on disabilities to find out how to help her son with autism. The friendship has continued. Inspired by Dustin Hoffman in the movie Rainman, she initiated the Stars and Rain program. This effort helps families across China address life skills, education, and community issues related to members of their family with autism.

NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAMS

April 2009 Shanghai Women's Federation/Arizona Governor's Division for Women Partnership Meeting

May 22-23 2009 3rd Annual Women's Symposium & Study Program

July 8-28, 2009 4th Annual Challenge: TOMORROW Youth Program

September 2009 China-U.S. Emergency Conference

October 2009 Work Force Development Conference



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