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I. CELEBRATING A QUARTER CENTURY OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE

This spring, the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS) at Buffalo State celebrated a meaningful milestone in its history. China Week 2025, held from March 10 to March 14 in the Campbell Student Union, not only continued a long-standing tradition of cultural sharing but also marked the 25th anniversary of the Center's establishment. The week-long event served as a vibrant showcase of Chinese heritage and a reflection of CCS's sustained commitment to promoting cross-cultural understanding on campus.

Each day, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Union transformed into a colorful hub of discovery and dialogue. Visitors were welcomed into a lively exhibit space, where traditional Chinese arts and crafts were on full display. These included intricate paper cuttings, elegant calligraphy demonstrations, tea art, knot weaving, Chinese musical instruments, and porcelain replicas. Designed to be both visual and interactive, the exhibit drew steady crowds throughout the week, with students, faculty, and staff stopping by between classes or during lunch hours to explore, engage, and ask questions.

Representatives from the Center for Chinese Studies were present each day to greet attendees, introduce the cultural objects on display, and offer explanations about their historical and artistic significance. Their thoughtful presentations helped visitors see beyond the surface beauty of the artifacts and develop a deeper appreciation for the cultural values they represent. From explaining the symbolic meanings of traditional Chinese knots to illustrating the philosophy behind brush strokes



Students view the China Week Exhibit at the Campbell Student Union

in Chinese painting, CCS staff and volunteers helped bring these traditions to life in meaningful ways.

This year's China Week was especially significant as it coincided with the 25th anniversary of the Center for Chinese Studies. Established in the fall of 2000, the Center has been a pillar of Buffalo State's efforts in global education and internationalization. Over the past quarter of a century, CCS has hosted dozens of academic symposia, language and cultural workshops, over 200 visiting scholars, and collaborative events with partner institutions in China. It has provided valuable support to faculty research, student study-abroad programs, and local community outreach—all aimed at building bridges of understanding between the U.S. and China.

Throughout the Week, the spirit of celebration was palpable. Attendees were encouraged to participate in hands-on activities such as wearing Chinese jewelries, practicing Tai Chi movements, or folding origami lotus flowers. Faculty members brought their classes to the exhibit as part of global perspectives modules, and international students, especially those from China, joined in to share their experiences and add cross-cultural perspectives to the conversations.



Cultural objects on display at the China Week exhibit

The success of China Week 2025 is a testament to the dedication of the CCS team and its partners across campus. It reflects Buffalo State's broader commitment to diversity, inclusion, and global education. As CCS looks ahead to its next chapter, it continues to build upon the strong foundation of the past 25 years with new initiatives in academic exchange, community engagement, and student development.

As Buffalo State commemorates 25 years of the Center for Chinese Studies, we extend our sincere thanks to the students, faculty, staff, and community partners who have supported its growth. With this strong foundation, CCS looks forward to expanding its role in cultural exchange, global education, and campus engagement in the years ahead.

II. INTRODUCTION TO DR. LING YING, VISITING SCHOLAR TO THE CENTER FOR CHINA STUDIES



Ying Ling, RN, Chief Nurse, MSN

Ying Ling, RN, Chief Nurse, MSN, is currently the Deputy Director of the Nursing Department at the First Affiliated Hospital of Guangxi Medical University, a major academic medical center in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China. She also serves as a master's supervisor, Deputy Director of the Guangxi Nursing Quality Control Center, Secretary of the Nursing Management Committee of the Chinese Nursing Association and is a recognized expert in China's National Health Science Popularization Expert Database.

Ms. Ling's main research focus is oncology nursing, with a particular interest in improving the quality of care and psychological well-being of cancer patients. She has led two provincial-level research projects and five bureau-level projects in China, published five SCI-indexed articles, co-authored eight academic books, and holds four national patents. She has received multiple honors for her work, including the Third Prize of the Guangxi Science and Technology Progress Award and the First Prize of the Guangxi Award for the Promotion of Appropriate

Health Technologies, with a strong track record in translating research into clinical practice.

In September 2024, Ms. Ling began a one-year academic visit at Buffalo State University, under the guidance of Professor Zhang Jie, a noted expert in psychology and suicidology. During her visit, she is conducting research on the psychological factors influencing the effectiveness of oncology nursing. She has been deeply impressed by Buffalo State's vibrant academic environment, forward-thinking research culture, and inclusive community.

Her time at Buffalo State University has broadened her international perspective and research capabilities, while also contributing to building a strong bridge for future academic collaboration between China and the United States in the field of nursing science.

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