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The Buffalo State Beijing Alumni Association Established



Beijing Alumni Gala.

The Buffalo State Beijing Alumni Association was formed during the visit to Beijing by Dr. Scott Johnson, Dean of the University College, and Dr. Robert Summers, Director of the International and Exchange Programs. An alumni gala held on December 12, 2014 was attended by over 80 Buffalo State alumni currently living Beijing. The reception was held in the International Culture Mission of Capital Normal University, a long-time partner school of Buffalo State. The gala was also attended by President

Gong Huili and Vice President Li Youzeng and some administrative staff of Capital Normal University. Dr. Mark Severson, Dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences, who was on this trip to China with his colleagues for the 3+2 programs, also attended the reception. The Music Department of Capital Normal University presented a series of Chinese music performances to the audience after the dinner.

During the Buffalo State spring recess, Dr. Zhang Jie, Director of the Center for China Studies, went to Beijing to visit the founding members of the alumni association and help them establish a board of directors. The names of the first board of directors of the Buffalo State Beijing Alumni Association and their affiliations are as follows:

President: Gao Qi 高琦 (Affiliation: 首都医科大学, Capital Medical University. Year at Buffalo State: 2009-2010)

Vice President: Guo Guannan 郭冠楠 (Affiliation: 北京工商大学, Beijing Technology and Business University. Year, 2010-2011)

Vice President: Wang Heng 王恒 (Affiliation: 恒天创业投资有限公司, Hantrong Investment Co, LTD. Year, 2010-2011)

Treasurer: Wu Yiwen 吴溢文 (Affiliation: 中国商务部, Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China. Year, 2009-2011)

Board Member: Zhou Qin 周琴 (Affiliation: 首都师范大学, Capital Normal University. Year, 2010-2011)

Board Member: Liu Li 刘莉 (Affiliation: 北京工商大学, Beijing Technology and Business University. Year, 2010-2011)

More Agreements Have Been Signed for the 3+2 Programs

Program 3+2 is an academic arrangement allowing certain Chinese undergraduate students to migrate to graduate programs at Buffalo State: three years of undergraduate study in a partner university in China and two years of graduate study at Buffalo State. At the end of the five-year program, the students will earn a Bachelor's degree from their University in China and a Master's degree from Buffalo State. Buffalo State has now signed the 3+2 agreements with several universities in China, including Capital Normal

University (CNU), Beijing Normal University (BNU), Shandong University (SDU) School of Economics, East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST), Zhengzhou University of Light Industry (ZZULI), and Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE). A faculty delegation organized and led by Dr. Mark Severson, Dean of Natural and Social Sciences, visited China again during the winter break to expand the scope of enrollments from the existing partner schools as well as new ones. New schools that have just signed agreements with Buffalo State include Beijing Union University (BUU) and Beijing Technology and Business University (BTBU).

China Week again on campus

Zhang Junli

The annual China Week, hosted by the Center for China Studies, has been held for more than ten years here at Buffalo State. This year the event was held from March 30 to April 3. Dr. Zhang Jie, Director of the Center for China Studies and Professor of Sociology Department, visiting scholars, PhD candidates, graduates and undergraduates from China participated enthusiastically in this year's event.



China week exhibit

A variety of Chinese artworks, crafts, and commodities, ranging from traditional costumes and silk scarves to Chinese knots and paper cuts, were on show or for sale. The most eye-catching display this year was a striking exhibition of Chinese calligraphy, Official Script used in ancient China, organized by Dr. Liu. Many students, teachers and staff members came to learn how to read and write Chinese characters. Dr. Liu also offered a delightful presentation on the Chinese tea ceremony, which demonstrated how to appreciate the color of the tea and the aroma, taste, and appearance of the infused tea leaves. Her presentation aroused strong interest among many students and teachers in the tea culture of China.

China Week aims to facilitate cultural exchange between China and the United States by providing glimpses of Chinese culture through this yearly event.

Buffalo State Runway with Chinese Elements

Zhang Junli

Professor Li Hongmei and Che Weidong of Teachers' College of Beijing Union University, arrived at Buffalo State on April 23 with a delegation of five senior students of the Arts Design Department (Jiang Ruici, Li Shan, Lu Yi, Xiao Ying, Huang He) to attend this year's annual fashion show, RUNWAY, coorganized by the Fashion and Textile Technology (FTT) Department and the Center for China Studies.



Chinese garments in the Buffalo State Runway show.

Upon their arrival, Dr. Lynn Boorady, Chair of FTT, showed them around the facilities of her department, and the five students made their own fabric design with Adobe 6, which was then printed out in a special



Chinese garments in the Buffalo State Runway show.

colorfast format. They later met the models and held a dress rehearsal before they attended the fashion show on April 25.

The theme for this year's RUNWAY fashion show was "Innovation." The event offered the fashion design students an excellent occasion to present their creations and seek business opportunities. This exchange activity is intended to promote better understanding of the current fashion and consumption trends for the students of both departments.

Tsinghua MPH Program Had Its Final Class at Buffalo State

Yang Fangru and Liu Yingjiang

As we have in the past two years, the Center for China Studies again hosted a group of twelve students from Tsinghua University to attend another session of Public Health training at Buffalo State, from April 25 to May 2, 2015. The students were members of Tsinghua University's Center for Public Health studying for their Master's degree in Public Health (MPH). The daily schedule for the group consisted of lectures, field visits, and discussions. The lectures included an overview of medical care, medical insurance in the U.S., environmental policy and regulation, and mental disorders in the U.S. The students visited Buffalo State Weigel Health Center and Counseling Center, the Canterbury Woods Nursing Home, and the Roswell Cancer Institute. They also did some sightseeing and shopping in the Buffalo area. The experience was a mutually beneficial exchange between Buffalo State and one of the most prestigious universities in China. Dr. Scott Johnson, Dean of University College, presented a certificate to each of the twelve trainees.



Tsinghua MPH Delegation.

The students greatly appreciated the training they received and were thankful for the opportunity to acquire a better understanding of the U.S. medical system. This program has been an annual event

between Buffalo State's Center for China Studies and the Tsinghua University Center of Public Health since 2013.

New Visiting Scholars from China

Liu Yingjiang



Visiting at Eastern China University of Science and Technology.

Three new visiting scholars from China have arrived at Buffalo State to begin their studies in the spring semester 2015:

Dr. Yang Fangru, Associate Director of Mental Health Center in Xiangya Hospital, Central South University, Changsha, Hunan Province, is doing research on Clinical Psychiatry and Clinical Psychology as an associate professor. She came here for one year to conduct research on theories of depression, personality disorders and psychotic disorders, with a focus on creative problem solving therapy and suicide crisis intervention.

Dr. Zhou Jinzhang is from Capital Normal University in Beijing, where he is an associate professor in the social work department. He will stay here for a year to do research on the topic of social-cultural changes.

Mr. Liu Yingjiang, a graduate student working on his master's degree in sociology at Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing, has been doing research on psychological strains and its relationship to mental disorder and suicide.

All three of them are excited about the working and study environment provided by Buffalo State. They also joined the exhibits at the annual China Week, which was held this year at the end of March to promote the cultural exchange between of China and the United States.



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