



OCCA NEWSLETTER March 26, 2019

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Multicultural Night: OCCA youth and families performed outreach at Cornwall Central Middle School on February 26, 2019.

Progression by Xinyi Shen

On February 26th, 2019, the CCSD Multicultural Night event was held at Cornwall Central Middle School (CCMS). As the event was coming to an end, many people had already begun to leave the campus. Meanwhile, a teenage girl yelled at her sister, her sleeves all rolled up and, in her hand, a brush dipped in ink that continuously dripped onto the paper below.

The ink itself was the cause of this argument. She stood there, glaring at her sister with fire burning within her eyes. Consequently, her sister tried to make herself as small as possible, while also trying to play off her guilt. Before this argument continues, allow me to take a few steps back to January 22nd, 2019.

(continued on page 2)



OCCA receives \$1,250 grant from the County of Orange and Orange County Tourism

Mr. Kangjian Wu
Orange County Chinese Association, Inc.
PO Box 124
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Dear Mr. Wu,

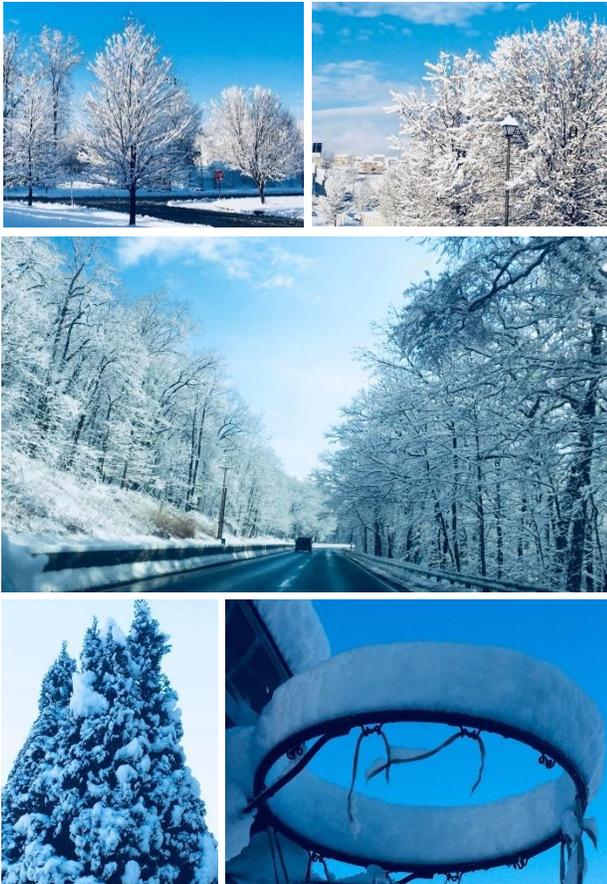
Congratulations! I am delighted to inform you that you have been awarded funding through the 2018-19 County Executive Arts, Heritage and Tourism Grant Program.

You are receiving \$1250 to support your project "Celebration of the Year of the Pig - The Wonder of Chinese Culture."

The grant program represents The County's commitment to foster tourism related economic development in Orange County. Your impressive effort to create wonderful projects and events in our communities for residents and visitors alike is both appreciated and acknowledged by this grant.

Thank you to Jim Jiang for writing the grant proposal, as well as all our volunteers (pictured on page 7) who helped make the 2019 OCCA Lunar New Year Gala possible!

阳春三月雪花



Photos taken by OCCA President Kangjian Wu on March 4, 2019.



1. **OCCA FINANCIAL SEMINAR**
2. **BEAR MOUNTAIN HIKING TRIP**
3. **MEET & GREET WITH FUTURE HARVARD UNIVERSITY STUDENT, JESSICA WU**

(continued from page 1 – “Progression”)

On January 22nd, 2019, OCCA President Kangjian Wu notified three Chinese-American high schoolers that they would be setting up a Chinese culture booth for the Multicultural Night event at CCMS. The students – Andy Wang, Angela Qiu, and Xinyi Shen – formed a group chat and started planning. They discussed the items for display and the entire process of how to sign up for this event, as neither of them had ever attended this event before. Afterwards, this conversation ended. They did not discuss this matter for almost a week.

Until Angela broke the ice.

She posted a screenshot in the group chat, saying that the sign-up was a success. In addition to that, they also decided to meet up after school to finish conducting research on the items for display. As the day continued, everything went according to their plan. That is, up until three hours before the event began.

Right before the event was to start, Xinyi realized that the calligraphy set, one of the items she had been assigned to bring, had been left behind in her dad's car. To make things worse, her dad would not be back for another 40 minutes until 6:10 PM, at which point the event would have already started. Therefore, she decided that she would bring all the other items to the event and wait until her dad returned to drop off the calligraphy set. After all, the focus point of this booth was not entirely about calligraphy. When she told the other two students, they lost it and panicked as though it were the end of the world, especially Angela. The perfectionist that she was, Angela proceeded to scold and lecture Xinyi about how she could have forgotten the calligraphy set all throughout the night and into the following morning at school.

Finally, they overcame this messy situation and arrived at



the event location. To their surprise, most of the attendants had only brought food that represented their culture, along with a few decorative items that also represented their culture. This scene before the three students confused them as they felt they had overprepared and were a bit out of place compared to their peers, but they quickly got to work and began to set up the booth. President Wu and some of their family members were also there to help. When they brought out all the items they had to display, they realized that they definitely had gone overboard because the table that they were given was too small to display all the items. They did, however, find a solution: they taped the trifold that contained information about the items for display, to the back wall. Then, they tried to fit as many items as they could display on the table. After the set-up was done, it was merely a waiting game until the guests arrived.

At 5:30 PM, the event finally began. The stream of guests slowly started to flow into the cafeteria where the OCCA members were. Not after long, the tiny cafeteria was quickly filled. Despite the large number of people in the room, many walked past their table, occasionally picking up a dumpling to eat. This brought the three of them to the disappointing conclusion that



most people had come to Multicultural Night for the food, rather than for the opportunity of learning about different cultures. Soon, this depressing situation came to an end when 6:10 PM rolled around.

Xinyi received a call from her dad, who was at the front door of the middle school. After the phone call ended, Xinyi sprinted out of the room down two sets of stairs. Then, she aggressively grabbed the big brown paper bag out of the trunk while calling out to her dad, inviting him to come inside and enjoy the event if he wanted. He agreed to the invitation and proceeded to park his car in the school's parking lot. Meanwhile, Xinyi sprinted back up to the cafeteria to the front of the OCCA's booth while panting dramatically and communicating with the rest of the group members, who had no idea what was going on. Afterwards, they understood her message and quickly set up the calligraphy station for the little kids to enjoy.

Surprisingly, the calligraphy brought more traffic than they thought it would. After the first kid who tried writing calligraphy appeared, a train of little kids waited in line to write calligraphy. As a result, these little kids also brought along their parents, who either asked for a dumpling while waiting for their kids to finish writing their names in Chinese or simply

waited quietly behind their kids. Occasionally, some parents would be interested in the culture behind the dumplings. This scenery lasted for the rest of the event. Meanwhile, President Wu passed out brochures to not only reach out to the people outside of the Chinese-American community, but also to promote the Chinese culture. At the end of the day, over 100 copies of the brochures had been distributed.

Near the end of the event, guests and attendants started to leave. As Xinyi was helping the last few kids write calligraphy, her sister splashed ink onto her and the surrounding area. As a result, we return to the scene of conflict that was mentioned in the beginning. Even though it was a one-way argument, the conflict was silently resolved and they both went back to minding their own business.

After a while, all the little kids finished writing calligraphy and the group also started to clean up. Then, suddenly out of the blue, someone asked to take a picture with the lion dance costume that was lying underneath the table the entire time. Andy took the responsibility of wearing the lion costume and taking the picture with that person. This photoshoot attracted the last few remaining kids at the event, and so Andy continued to wear that heavy lion costume for another 7 or 8 minutes until all the little ones were satisfied.

By the time the event finally came to the end, everyone was exhausted – exhausted with joy inside their hearts.



OCCA Appreciation Dinner

by Vicky Wong



Appreciation Dinner: OCCA President Kangjian Wu thanks the OCCA members and volunteers for their support during the appreciation dinner.

On February 23rd, 2019, much like every year after the Lunar New Year celebration, OCCA hosted an appreciation dinner. This banquet, held at the Flaming Grill & Buffet, was assembled to express sincere gratitude for the endless support OCCA had received in the past year.

This was a traditional way to acknowledge, as well as cherish, the Chinese School teachers, students, staffs, and volunteers' astonishing triumphs. This year, however, the commemoration was accompanied with a new Chinese organization: the OCCS Student Government. With this new association came more frequent events that required

numerous volunteers. Ergo, the appreciation dinner was packed and imbued with glee. While this was my first year attending this generous event, OCCA has consistently organized this appreciation dinner year after year and never fails to express its admiration towards its countless contributors.

Throughout this occasion, many names were mentioned, to whom we toasted and cheered on. To further profess their extolment, many received invitations to this paid meal from OCCA. Several had a magnificent time within the fugacious 3 hours and felt extremely grateful for this opportunity.

五句半:《华人社区 2018》节选

Cross-Talk: OCCA Community in 2018 (Abridged)

by Mr. Jay Song

This year's cross-talk, which featured notable accomplishments and events that took place in the OCCA community within the past year, was performed at the OCCA Lunar New Year Gala on February 2, 2019 by (from left to right) Jie Xu, Aizhong Hu, Zhangwei Li, Xiuquan Shi, Jay Song, and Xiaodong Peng.



辞旧迎新笑开颜，
又逢金猪吉祥年，
敲锣打鼓好热闹，
筹办晚会不容易，

橙郡华人大联欢，
祝福话儿说不完，
舞台上人欢笑，
全靠诸位来努力，

六位帅哥台上站，
一祝大家平安，
新朋好友齐来到，
各路演员都到齐，

表演一段五句半，
二祝各位身体健，
志愿者们在操劳，
唱歌跳舞展才艺，

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三祝家家都幸福，
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温暖陈氏三千金，

老师同学齐称赞，
忙完工作回到家，
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社区处处有真情，

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还得炒菜！
做得对！
温暖人心！

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骄女也是顶呱呱，
运动健将 Andrew Yi，
Pfizer 公司好员工，

橙郡华人支持他，
华人社区传佳话，
刻苦训练创佳绩，
社区服务是标兵，

年轻人把选票拉，
哈佛大学录取她，
Cross Country 跑第一，
每年集资五千刀，

公民参政权利大，
爸爸妈妈乐开花，
为咱社区争荣誉，
无私奉献不图名，

James 当上 Senator 啦，
中文学校也骄傲，
华人孩子都争气，
橙郡华人感谢你，

Very Good！
恭喜 Jessica！
有出息！
吴蒋陈徐邓！

Snapshots of the OCCA Community

OCCS began spring semester classes on February 23, 2019



OCCA Board Meeting Summary (March 16, 2019)

by Nancy Song

- The role of Editor-in-chief for the OCCA Newsletter was handed over to Nancy Song.
- **OCCA Youth** have sent a total of **21 summer internship applications** to medical offices, NYS Senator James Skoufis' office, and Attorney Hu's office.
- OCCS Principal Ken Chan introduced a draft of the **OCCS Student Code of Conduct** to the Board.
- OCCA has received approval for use of the gymnasium on Saturdays from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM until the end of the semester (June 22, 2019).
- OCCA Vice President Lan Jiang presented a proposal, tentatively named the “**Distinguished Young Scholar Award**”, to encourage students to promote Chinese culture. The proposal remains under further discussion.
- OCCS Principal Chan presented a proposal to purchase **2 ping-pong tables**, which MWCSD will store in the gymnasium closet for free. OCCS intends on utilizing these foldable ping-pong tables for a potential ping-pong tournament and routine practice by the OCCA Ping-Pong Club. Following this meeting, one table was purchased and assembled at OCCS (pictured on page 5).
- OCCA President Kangjian Wu suggested that OCCA reactivate its membership for the **Chinese School Association in the United States (CSAUS)**; also known as **全美中文学校协会**), an organization that can provide the school with valuable educational resources, such as training for teachers. The Board agreed with this proposal.
- OCCA President Wu suggested that an award date be established to thank the many volunteers' contributions to the community.

More OCCS Study Aids are available at www.occany.org:

- 1) [OCCS First Grade Chinese Curriculum as an example](#)
- 2) [OCCS Curriculum General Guideline](#)
- 3) [500 Common Characters 《500 基础汉语常用生字卡片》](#)
- 4) [3500 Chinese Characters 《3500 现代汉语常用字表》](#)

Snapshots of the OCCA Community (cont.)

After School Programs: dance class, math class, English writing enhancement, arts & crafts



书法

The art of writing: Children and adults alike try their hand at calligraphy.



OCCA 橙华舞蹈团, 少儿舞蹈表演班招生了!

主教老师: 李娟, 毕业于北京舞蹈学院, 曾任中央电视台第五频道“舞蹈跟我学”栏目舞蹈教练; 随后任职于中国儿童艺术剧院担任演员工作11年。在很多部优秀剧目中塑造了很多经典角色, 依然活跃在舞台上!

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Arts and Crafts by Claire Zhang

Happy and Healthy Birthday: Dr. Yu Wang celebrates his 60th birthday with the OCCA Sports Team following their morning practice on March 10, 2019.

Table Tennis Teamwork: Johnny Guo, Andy Chen, Gary Zhang, Yang Yang, Xiaoming Shen, and Haixing Zhang help deliver and assemble OCCA's first ping-pong table on March 23, 2019. Thank you for volunteering your time, money, and efforts in bringing ping-pong to OCCS!



Community News



Richard Deng, pictured here on March 14, 2019 at the Orange-Ulster BOCES Spelling Bee, will be continuing his journey to the 92nd Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. from May 26-31. Initially awarded 2nd place, Richard earned his spot in the national competition after the judges failed to follow local spelling bee rules by bypassing the required championship round and prematurely declaring the winner. Congratulations to Richard, and we wish you good luck in D.C.!



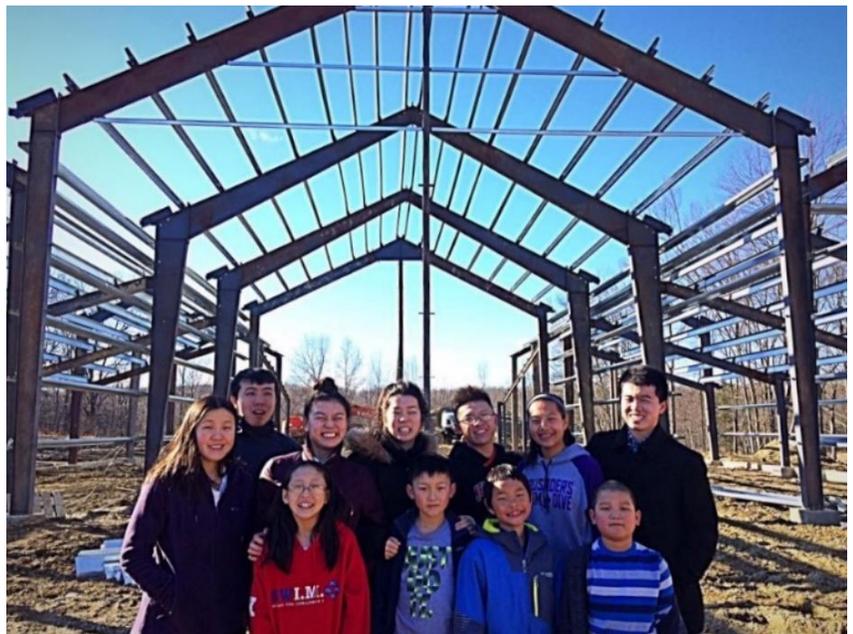
Future Business Leaders of America: Monroe-Woodbury FBLA members **Kevin Huang, Derek Li, Charles Liu, and Tiffany Yang** attended the Spring District Meeting for 3N at Carmel High School on February 1, 2019, where they competed in elimination events, including public speaking, basic decision making, and job interviews, as well as taking practice tests in accounting 1, business calculations, and business law. Derek Li was awarded 2nd place in Client Services.



Music for a Saturday Afternoon: **Richard Deng, Jennifer Song, Andrew Wu, and Allen Yi** performed at a piano recital in Goshen as students of teachers in the Hudson-Catskill Music Teachers Association on March 16, 2019.

Congratulations!

- **York Wang** will begin working at Pfizer in Pearl River, NY on April 1, 2019
- **Jim Jiang** has accepted a new position at Johnson & Johnson
- **Chenghua Deng** has accepted a new position at a pharmaceutical company in Boston, MA



OCCCC visits the construction site of the new church in Goshen on March 17, 2019, where the framework has been completed recently.

OCCA Lunar New Year Gala Volunteers



Thank you for your hard work and dedication to OCCA! We appreciate all that you do and hope you will continue to celebrate Chinese culture and heritage with us!

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