

放眼整個俄亥俄州,要求所有學生必修中文的學校可謂寥寥無幾,而位於阿克倫市中心的STEM學校就是其中的一所,並且中文是唯一的外語,體現了中國文化的教學在這所學校中的重要性。但要同時教授200多個7、8年級學生的中文對我來說確實是一種很大的挑戰,我盡了個人最大的努力,嘗試和改進各種教學方法,目的是讓這些孩子們儘可能地學好中文。那麼如何讓這群生活在市區(urban city)的年輕美國學生真正瞭解中國語言的博大精深和深厚的文化底蘊,提陸他們對古老東方文化的興趣呢?舉辦春節慶祝活動就是很有效的一種形式。自2012年來,每逢新春佳節,我們全校師生和家長都



阿克倫市 2022 中國新年慶祝活動

會歡聚在學校禮堂熱鬧地慶祝中國新年。我本人負責節目策劃、服裝、音樂聲控、主持稿編寫、邀請貴賓兼導演,學生們按照分工認真準備各自的表演節目,90分鐘的文藝節目都是由學生們主持、表演。節目之後,所有師生都會美美地享受中國飯店精心準備的中國傳統美味菜肴。中國新年慶祝活動已成為全校一大特色和傳統,也是每個學生最向往最開心的一天。



由於疫情原因,學校已兩年沒有舉辦春節慶祝活動了。一月初,我突然收到阿克倫市政府負責人的郵件,希望我能幫助他們籌劃慶祝中國新年,這真是天大的好消息,而且這是市里第一次慶祝中國新年活動。我們學校有多家合作夥伴,包括阿克倫大學、阿克倫動物園、國家公園等,阿克倫市政府也是其中一個合作夥伴。這位負責人作為家長八年多前連續五年親眼目睹我為學校籌備的大規模的中國新年慶祝活動,而她手下具體負責活動的Elizabeth新官上任,對中國文化欠瞭解,便主動和我聯繫,虛心請教活動編排流程。在這種大環境不是很樂觀的情況下,我全心全力積極參與,即便每天工作繁忙,只要市里需要開zoom會議討論,無論多晚我都會參加。我們短時間內共同謀劃,從音樂準備、聯繫表演嘉賓,到現場準備、排列表演清單和最後發廣告邀請觀眾,終於在2月12日元宵節前夕,迎來了第一次和市民一起慶祝中國新年。整個晚會現場張燈結綵,沉浸在一片火紅、熱鬧、溫馨的氛圍中。近800名阿克倫市社區朋友近距離現場觀賞了藝術家們和STEM學生們共同奉獻的舞獅、舞龍、武術、變臉和腰鼓等的表演,親身感受到了中華傳統文化的魅力,領略了中國文化的深厚底蘊。最令我興奮的是在這些精彩的表演節目後,有長達12分鐘的帶有濃鬱中國特色的煙花秀。雖然當天氣溫只有零下六度,但當我站在阿克倫市中心廣場,耳沐着喜慶洋洋的中國音樂,望

着一顆顆中國式的煙花飛向籃球運動詹姆斯故鄉阿克倫的天空時,感動得淚水在眼眶打轉。現場來了不少人華生同胞,我相信他們一定和我當時的心情一樣:雖身在海外,但我們一直心系中國,希望中美迎來美好的春天。

我相信這種形式的現場文化表演要比我在教室上一節100分鐘的文化課更有感染力;這種大型文化活動也會潛移默化地提高美國人對中國語言和文化的興趣和理解,給他們留下深刻的印象。當時的我深深體會到了作為一名中文語言和文化傳播者的光榮和驕傲,一個月以來為準備慶祝新年活動的疲勞和緊張感也煙消雲散,心情無比愉悅。雖然今年STEM學校不能全校大規模慶祝中國新年,但我們依然進行了15天的規模慶祝。新年第一天,200個中文學生歡唱“新年好”開始了中國新年的慶祝,並通過阿克倫大學邀請了太極師傅給十個班的學生教授太極,元宵節當天,全校還舉行了小型的全校慶祝活動。

在此我特別感謝阿克倫市政府策劃了本次的新年慶祝活動,也同時感謝其他一起參與策劃的阿克倫大學、AsianInc., Lock 3, knight foundation, Akron Community Foundation等單位以及我自己STEM學校的大力支持,並由衷感謝為這次活動成功舉辦的表演嘉賓包括高森師傅、張maochang師傅、克利夫蘭Kwan family lion dance以及Glorry Drum Team of Cleveland。最感謝的是伊利華報浦瑛老師再一次給我機會將這次慶祝分享給社區。最讓我引以為豪的是,由於本次活動的成功舉辦,阿克倫市政府今後將更加重視多元文化化,近日已將明年的中國新年慶祝排上日程,選好了慶祝地點和日期。我驕傲,要為兔年的新年慶祝更加努力。

我期待着明年的“兔”年。
STEM中學中文老師——梁晴



STEM 高中 學生歡度 中國新年感想



This was the first community event I took on being newly hired as DAPs Director of Engagement and Events. When I moved to Akron from Lakewood I wanted to focus on building engagement and challenging me by planning an event DAP hadn't done before. When I learned that Lunar New Year was a celebration DAP had been thinking about pursuing for quite some time, I hit the floor running.

I worked closely with community partners to plan and execute the evening and continue to be such in awe of the levels of appreciation, kindness, and patience that were given in my relatively new role. After two years of a global pandemic, seeing the Lock 3 Commons full of people with smiling faces was a heartwarming glimmer of normalcy, a promise for what the future may bring. I am so happy to have the opportunity to promote diversity and inclusion downtown and to bring the community together. I'm excited to dedicate energy to the event in coming years, especially as the Confucius Institute - the organization that formerly hosted New Year festivities - is closing this June.

My hope for Akron's new Lunar New Year tradition: "That it can continue to grow and become an annual event so that we can continue to celebrate the diversity that makes Akron so special."
-Elizabeth Flanagan, Director of Engagement and Events, Downtown Akron Partnership

This is my second year at STEM High School and my first year participating in Chinese New Year. My first time experiencing Chinese New Year was in sixth grade. I watched my brother perform for Chinese New Year at STEM Middle School. It was so fun to watch something so different from what I was used to. This year I finally got to participate in the event. I wore a red and gold dress and got to greet people and give out red envelopes. It was amazing to watch people celebrate their holiday, their excitement and joy at seeing their holiday celebrated. It was so fun getting to talk to people, who don't celebrate Chinese New Year, and see their expressions as they watch something, wholly unique and vibrant from their everyday lives. The whole event was so

exciting, getting to immerse yourself in another culture is an amazing experience I am happy to have been a part of.
JoriPresutti, 彭麗麗 STEM 高中十年級學生

My name is Jaeden Dancy and for the past few years at NIHF STEM Middle School I have been only watching the Chinese New Year celebrations but this year, I was able to participate in the celebrations and enjoy the experience and the atmosphere of the Chinese New Year. The main activities that I participated in were being a panda, passing out red envelopes with chocolate and money, and doing tai chi with my fellow pandas. The days before the celebration were very anxious for me and I was extremely excited to participate and enjoy the event. Throughout the event, everything was fast-paced and sometimes we had to improvise on what we were doing so we kept the visitors entertained as well as staying committed to our job. This was truly an amazing experience and event and I would love to do it again; from the people to being dressed as a panda, every-

thing added to a fun and amusing experience. The most amazing thing about the environment was the decorations and culture and the people who understood the magnitude of the event and were part of Chinese culture. The most entertaining aspect of my role in the celebration was gathering lots of red envelopes and running as a panda to distribute them to the people in attendance.
--Jaeden Dancy 杜杰达 STEM 中學八年級學生

The Chinese New Year event at Lock 3 was incredible. There were so many unique acts that were performed by amazing, talented people. Martial arts, dragon dances, fireworks, the list go on, and you could tell the crowd took in and enjoyed every second of it. I, myself, have participated and watched a couple of performances. However, this one is easily my favorite of all the years performed. There were so many people watching that the performance area was nearly overflowing with people. The performance was great, and I can hardly wait for next year's festival!
Casey Renner, 任凱司 STEM 高中九年級學生



浦瑛開講 在美國改造自己

感覺在家過年

1991年我到的城市Akron,在2月12日,市政府隆重舉辦中國新年,我們享受全中華元素的舞獅、舞龍、腰鼓。傳統的變臉讓觀眾看的目瞪口呆,還有高師傅傳統和現代武術競技讓觀眾掌聲歡呼聲不停,最後在喜洋洋的音樂聲觀看煙花……我的眼睛有了溫度,學生們穿着旗袍,我問寒冷嗎,她們說不寒冷,心是熱的。感恩主辦者給我上了中華文化大餐。

一個人一個民族最高的榮譽就是被人尊重,被人接受,今年的中國新年克利夫蘭最著名的俱樂部Union Club 邀請 Tri-C 廚師們烹飪中華美食,領隊的Ky-wai Wong 帶領師生們烹飪美食,傳承更多的中華博大精深的民族文化

*2022年,中國春節過得真過癮,伊利華報原定舉辦2021-2022跨新年活動,由於我感染了新冠,改了時



讓我們在歡樂聲中享受現場藝術和音樂的盛宴。這和在網上的表演不同。這是我在高中時期組織的最後一次新年活動,我會永遠難忘在學校里策劃的新年活動。



間,變成了慶祝中國新年活動,大家在喜慶聲中祝福。疫情讓兩年時間都沒有聚會。有人說得好:有一種慶祝,叫腰鼓打起;有一種參與,叫我們在一起。慶虎年,伊利華報1月29日為慶祝新年拉開帷幕。
*2月5日2月6日克利夫蘭亞洲城都熱鬧非凡,克利夫蘭新任市長Justin Bibb也參與慶祝,並且參觀了Asian診所,讚揚了亞裔為社區做的貢獻。Asian負責人E-laine Tso 提醒市長,當時競選的時候答應一定會讓亞裔參與克利夫蘭市政府工作。這里感謝美華協會的Lisa Wong middle-town的Karis Tzeng,還有許多幕後人員的相互合作,克利夫蘭中國城日益興旺。
*2月12日,Western Reserve Academy 下午4:00

慶祝中國新年。今年就要畢業的李道夷同學出生在美國,由於父母工作需要,他也在中國和美國之間的學校學習成長,他告訴我們:今年的新年表演由於疫情終於開始緩解,學校還是決定現場慶祝中國新年,看到全校師生家長朋友一起欣賞中華的傳統節目,有舞獅、京劇、現代舞,還請了武術老師表演變臉和傳統武術,好多精彩節目。



克利夫蘭 2022 年 NBA-All Star

慶祝克利夫蘭2022年NBA全明星賽,本屆活動將是第71屆NBA全明星賽。這場比賽將由克利夫蘭騎士隊在Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse舉辦。這將是克利夫蘭地區第三次舉辦全明星賽,第一次是1981年在俄亥俄州里奇菲爾德附近的體育館舉行,最近一次是在1997年——三年後騎士隊搬回克利夫蘭市中心打球。在新建的阿德競技場,現在被稱為火箭抵押球館。巧合的是,在克利夫蘭舉辦全明星賽之際,NBA慶祝了其第35個賽季(1981年),50周年(1997)和今年(2022年)75周年,來自各地的球迷和家人更通過這場活動更加瞭解克利夫蘭,也為繁榮克利夫蘭的經濟發展打開大門。

本次活動的主辦單位安排了許多不同活動,其中在2月16日,星期三,下午1:30,在克利夫蘭John Hay高中(禮堂),著名球星Charles Oakley 回母校與學生們零距離交流。當我走進克利夫蘭John Hay高中禮堂時,被學生們的熱情感動了。

Charles Oakley 1963年出生在克利夫蘭,他是美國前職業籃球運動員,他曾經效力於美國國家籃球協會的芝加哥公牛隊、紐約尼克斯隊、多倫多猛龍隊、華盛頓奇才隊和休斯頓火箭隊。他是一名大前鋒,他一直被評為NBA最好的籃板手之一。

在John Hay高中的大禮堂,身高6'8"的Charles Oakley走上舞臺,學生們興奮欢呼,Charles Oakley做了非常精彩的演講,他鼓勵學生們要好好接受教育,學生們的學業與能力很重要,就像一個人到銀行去存錢一樣,腦袋里要有知識,就像口袋裏一定要有錢,銀行才能接受你。Charles Oakley十分平易近人,他回答每一個學生的提問,有一位學生問他:今晚能不能來看我們的比賽,他馬上回答:我可以參加。學生們沸騰了。

Charles Oakley是一位傳奇人物也是一位作家,1985年他開始他的NBA職業生涯,在他的NBA職業生涯中,他做到了最好的自己。在他的名下設立了Charles Oakley基金會,基金會是一個非營利組織,組織籌款活動和社區建設活動,旨在幫助貧困和服務不足的社區。

我在2月18日對Charles Oakley做了採訪,深深體會到他作為一位名人,無論是體育生涯,還是對社區的貢獻,他之所以可以影響這麼多人,是他靈魂深處的自然和善良對待眾生。

我在Tri-C Hospitality Management Center Students社區學校看到他親自與學生廚師交流做菜,因為缺食材,他自己親自去超市購物,我也有機會跟着他一起在超市shopping。在學校的大師傅告訴我:Charles Oakley是他的好朋友,他們是發小,Charles Oakley關心愛護朋友,有機會就幫助大家。當晚Charles Oakley邀請我去參加了他的晚會,那晚宴會是他的發小Tri-C大師傅帶領的烹飪專業的



學生做的美食,Jenny和我高興快樂的就像回到18歲青春時代。

Charles Oakley曾經是家喻戶曉的著名球員,而他與眾不同的是他知道自己不是明星後要的生活:回饋社會。他告訴我,他的家在克利夫蘭,他喜愛克利夫蘭。

Tip:

好朋友Jenny, Gingie Spa的創始人,Charles Oakley給她的印象是:It was Charles Oakley Foundation All star weekend night party! Singing, dancing, chatting, eating, drinking, taking photos, so much fun! A NBA legend, tall, handsome, Charles looked very dapper in a black suit at the party. When I was standing beside him in front "All Star" banner, I clearly felt Charles' energy, very mindful! Obviously he is a celebrity, but I didn't feel being overpowered or suppressed. On the contrary, I felt much inspired, elevated and supported from his close presence! Heartfelt to my dearest friend, Ying Pu, who took this photo capturing the life-long memorable moment!

來自休斯敦的Cyril White特意趕到克利夫蘭,還特意做了300塊巧克力在NBA-Allstar當名片送人,今天由於太多人離開克利夫蘭,讓他只能從匹茲堡上機,在機場他發給我的這

次克利夫蘭旅行感想: I had a really great time at NBA All-Star Cleveland. I was first a little skeptical about the cold weather in snow, but the sun kept it nice and warm and it was an overall great event.

It was great talking to Charles Oakley. He is a first class gentleman compared to brute bully of a basketball player he was. His event was a lot of fun!

I am very thankful to Ying Pu, Jack, and the people at worlds finest chocolate for their expedient service to provide my TGBTG custom chocolates for the NBA All-Star game. I'm looking forward to growing a long relationship with them and carve out a market share of the worlds chocolate lovers.

NBA-Allstar 體育精神!

