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China trip creates excitement and enlightenment

Eight Academy juniors and seniors were selected to participate in an exciting cultural exchange trip to **China** from October 8 to 18. Academy benefactors **Gordon Trimble** and **Sonia Trimble** sponsored this opportunity, and the group, accompanied by **Head of School Betty White** and **Development Office Assistant Noe Oliver**, were hosted by **Hwa Nan Women's College** in the city of Fuzhou in the south-eastern coastal province of Fujian.

The group stayed in the International Faculty Dorm on campus, where the Trimbles teach classes during the first semester of each school year. Gordon Trimble's ancestral aunt, **Lydia Trimble**, founded Hwa Nan Women's College in 1909 as well as several other schools in China.

The Academy travelers were exposed to Chinese history, culture and religious roots during visits to several significant sites. They were joined in all activities by Hwa Nan students, who interacted with the Academy students and were able to practice their English fluency and enhance their social awareness knowledge. Hwa Nan administrators and teachers joined the Trimbles as very gracious hosts.

One of the exciting experiences found the students boarding a bullet train from Fuzhou to the southern city of Quanzhou where they discussed the *Silk Trade*, learned about the *Opium War* and explored a (below) *Muslim Mosque* and a *Buddhist temple*.

From Quanzhou, they traveled to an elementary school on the tiny island of Pingtan. The school was also founded by Lydia Trimble, and its students were thrilled with the storybooks the Academy students brought and read to them.

At **Fuqing No Two Middle School**, encompassing students in grades seven to 12, the Academy students enjoyed attending high school classes to field questions, ask their own and felt honored by many different talent performances by the Chinese students.

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RIGHT: Maaya Green and Kira Stone carefully prepare a sticky rice dish during a hands-on session with Culinary students at Hwa Nan College.



From the Head of School

EXHIBITING ESPRIT DE CORPS

On Monday, Athletic Director Ryan Hogue reminded the staff that the students had some very important athletic events, including State Championships in Air Riflery, Volleyball, Cheer, Cross Country and Bowling.



Many eyes were on Air Riflery since the Academy is the defending State Champion. Finally, we received the news! After all shots were fired, the Lancers held a three-point lead over their closest competitor – only to find out that there was a shooter's error in not closing the bolt after loading her rifle. In final tabulation, the penalty was 12 points, and Sacred Hearst lost the title.

What happened afterwards made the entire school 'ohana proud because our team rose to heights of stellar character.

According to one trusted observer, no one person received the glory, nor the blame, as they were of "one heart."

This observer described what she saw as "ESPRIT DE CORPS," usually defined as a spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion and strong regard for the honor of the group. It usually defines something that cannot be measured by scores or acknowledged by a trophy.

When this observer shared her perspective with me, my heart burst with pride because the soul of our team emerged over the quantifiable scores.

On another note, we look forward to seeing you at Fright Night, sponsored and hosted by the Parent Organization. The celebration is a tremendous outreach!

Betty White

Roadtrip provides glimpse of collegiate life

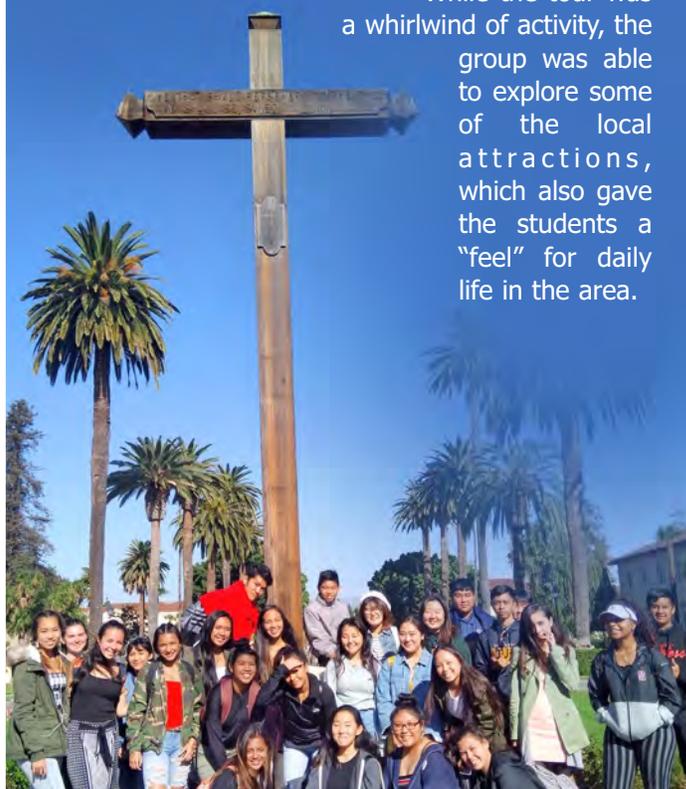
During Fall Break, **College Counselor Randy Fong** "hit the road" again with a new group of 28 aspiring college students, this time on a tour of colleges and universities in the San Francisco and Northern California areas.

Some of the 10 collegiate stops on the five-day trip included *Menlo College*, (below) *Santa Clara University*, *Sonoma State University*, *Stanford University*, the *University of California-Berkeley* and the *University of San Francisco*.

At each location, the 21 Academy students and seven of their counterparts from **Saint Louis School** received a "briefing" primer about the school, including information about academics, special programs and financial aid, and toured the facilities.

Another highlight of the tour was visiting with Academy graduates who are currently enrolled at each school and getting first-hand information about collegiate life.

While the tour was a whirlwind of activity, the group was able to explore some of the local attractions, which also gave the students a "feel" for daily life in the area.



Artists “Look, Listen” and “Learn” while creating

Seven Academy students devoted September 30 to creating works of eye-catching art that conveyed the message of “**Look. Listen.**



Learn. Be Aware. Fire can happen anywhere,” the theme for this year’s **Fire Prevention Mural Painting Exhibition.**

The Exhibition, held at the Honolulu Museum of Art Spalding House, is sponsored annually by the **Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** and is conducted in partnership with artists from local schools and organizations. Through this effort, these student-artists receive exposure while positively impacting the community through their creativity.

With assistance from their **Art teachers Kaycie Baltanado** and (above right) **David Randall**, the Academy students created memorable mural pieces, which will be displayed at HFD’s Stations in the Palolo and Kapiolani districts through October 31 to commemorate **Fire Prevention Week.**



Singers get behind-scenes view of performance magic

Thirty-four members of the **After School Choir (ASC)** spent an evening at the **Opera** on October 16 at the Blaisdell Center Concert Hall as part of special initiative by **Hawai’i Opera Theatre.**

Before the performance, the students in grades four to six took a unique look “behind-the-scenes” tour of backstage and the opera pit and got to see the set and props up-close. They even met some of the actors and singers, who were gearing up to take the stage.

Then, the students and **Lower School Choir Director Deborah Okada** settled into their seats for an epic production of the romantic, yet tragic, story of “**Romeo and Juliet.**”



China trip memories to last

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The highlight of the visit was the formalization of the **Cooperation Agreement of Forming Sister Schools** between Fuqing No Two Middle School and the Academy.

Academy students were chosen for their mutual qualities of leadership, poise, curiosity and enthusiasm.

They represented their country and their school with open minds and open hearts. Similarly these qualities were shared with every student they met along the journey.

Chinese parents pour their heart and soul into providing their children with the best education and opportunity to succeed. This shared relational quality bonded our cultures and created an opportunity for an amazing experience, life-shaping memories and relationships that will be treasured forever.



TOP: Olivia Yoshida and her Chinese "sister" explore the sights at a museum dedicated to commemorating the Opium War; **TOP RIGHT:** Eden Arthur carefully takes part in a traditional Chinese Tea Ceremony; **TOP LEFT:** Ashli Sordillia and her Chinese colleagues visit the local residents at Panda World; **RIGHT:** Aiyana Arnobit and her new sister proudly display their Chinese cutting works.