



# Renascentia Hall International

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## A Day in the Life of RH Students

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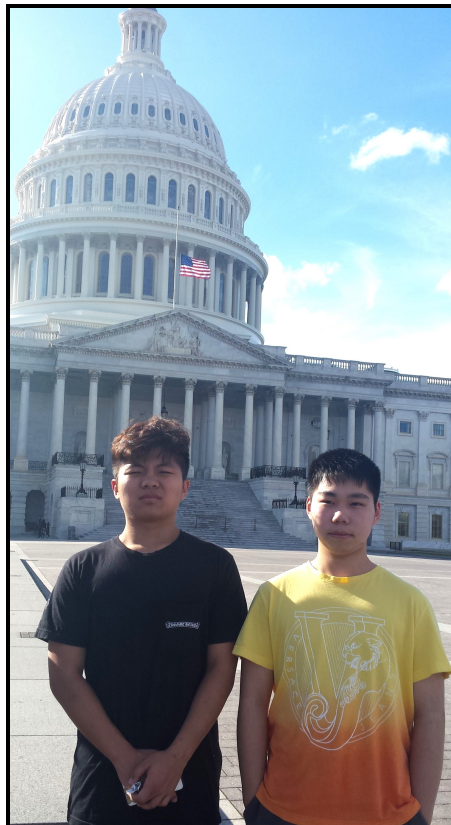
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### Important School Dates

\*Please check school websites regularly for updates\*

- Mar.1: Spring Sports begin
- Mar.3-5: "Big Fish"-Salesianum
- Mar.11: SAT testing – Salesianum, Sanford
- Mar.12: Daylight Savings Time begins
- Mar.16-18: "The Wizard of Oz"- Red Lion
- Mar.17-20: No School- Salesianum, Ursuline
- Mar. 24-25: Blue and Gold Fashion Show – St. Mark's
- Mar. 24-31: Spring Break- Friends Central
- Mar. 31: "Godspell"- St. Mark's
- April 11: Happy Passover!
- April 13: Spring Break begins– Red Lion, Salesianum, Ursuline, Wilmington Christian, York Catholic
- April 14: Good Friday
- April 14-17: No School– Tatnall
- April 16: Happy Easter!

So, what's it like to be an RH student? Certainly not boring! Whether it's a field trip, a statewide science competition or enjoying local theater, RH students are on the move!



Red Lion Christian Academy students Frank Lyu and John Xu enjoy a sunny winter's day in Washington, D.C.



10 RH students saw the Philadelphia 76ers defeat the Boston Celtics at the Wells Fargo Center on March 19.



Olivia Fei (St. Mark's High School) has no fear of Captain Hook at the Delaware Children's Theater production of *Peter Pan*.



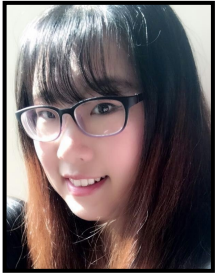
Tatnall's Johnson Guo working with his "Towers" teammate at the Science Olympiad competition. They competed in the Delaware State Championship Tournament at Delaware State University. During the event, Tatnall competed against 59 schools from across the state.



John Xu (Red Lion), Amy Xu (Ursuline), and Youni Liu (York Catholic) competing at the Diamond Challenge.

## New Faces at RH

**Wanying 'Elain' Zhao** is excited to join the Renascentia Hall staff. Elain holds a dual Master's degree in Business Administration and Organizational Effectiveness Development and Change from the University of Delaware. With her



experience in consulting and leadership, Elain is prepared to help our students achieve their academic goals at RH. In addition to being a Renascentia Hall Student Advisor, Elain and her husband, Shen, are the parents of two-and-a-half-year old Amber and host parents to two RH students at St. Mark's High School.

Because Elain and Shen were international students themselves, they very much understand how important the homestay experience is to the whole academic program. Elain feels that they can offer the guidance and support necessary for international students to be successful in the American education system.

**Weishan 'Angela' Ye** earned her Master's degree in



Accounting from the University of Delaware in December, 2016 and joined Renascentia Hall International in February, 2017 where she is the Financial Accountant. She will maintain the financial records, reports, files, and process all disbursements. Angela will also manage student accounts and communicate with clients in both the U.S. and China. She

has a B.S. degree in German from Xiamen University in China. She had internships in China for top Global 500 companies including working as a Marketing Assistant for Nestlé Group. Angela also spent some time as a Program Assistant and Translator for the Foreign Affairs Office in Quanzhou, China. When she's not crunching numbers, Angela enjoys outdoor adventures and traveling with friends. In fact, over the last five years, she has explored more than 30 countries.

**Yiwei Zhang** started his position as Program Manager at Renascentia Hall in March 2017. He has a Master's degree in social work from the University of Pittsburgh. Before



joining in Renascentia Hall, Yiwei worked in various educational settings including Ferris State University and New York University in Shanghai. Yiwei is involved with several projects at Renascentia Hall including developing international programs. Yiwei met his wife, Patty Miele, at a RH summer camp in Wenzhou where

they both were counselors. They were married in China in this past August and are planning a wedding in the US in May. In his spare time, Yiwei enjoys running, traveling, and reading.

## Important SEVIS Information

**All students should travel with the following:**

- ◆ Passport and VISA
- ◆ I-20: Original with signature (signatures are valid for 1 year)
- ◆ I-94: Most recent arrival statement/history of arrivals
- ◆ I-901: Copy of SEVIS receipt \$200
- ◆ Certificate of Deposit/Bank Statement showing sufficient funds (Officers may ask for and keep the copy. SEVIS recommends students bring several copies to have while in school in the US for the multiple re-entries.)
- ◆ A copy of his/her most recent report card to prove Active Status.



## Student Spotlight

RH's Amy Xu took part in "The Power of Each Person's Story" TEDx Youth@Wilmington: Agents of Change on April 2, 2017 at Ursuline Academy. Students, alumni, and faculty from area schools including Ursuline and The Tatnall School were chosen from a large pool of applicants to give these TEDx talks. "The experience of preparing this TEDx talk was exciting but also stressful," says Amy who hails from Shenzhen, China and is her family's only child. Before she came to America, she was an art student in her high school in China. She now lives in Wilmington, Delaware with her hosts, the Martin family, and is a junior at Ursuline. She likes traveling and has helped organizations serving people with disabilities and elder care centers during her travels in Europe and Australia. While in Malaysia, she volunteered to teach aspects of the Chinese culture in several elementary schools for a week. At Ursuline, she is a member of the dance and tennis teams and has joined the Global Community Club, Model UN, and the National Art Honor Society Club. She is a piano student and also very active in art classes utilizing her previous fundamental drawing and painting experience.

## Upcoming Events

**4/08/17: Community Service Opportunities**

**4/10/17: Passover Begins**

**4/16/17: Easter Sunday**

**4/22/17: New Castle Battery Park Clean Up**

**5/20/17: Senior Graduation Party—details to follow!**

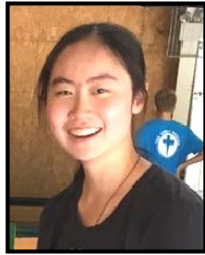


# 生日快樂 Happy Birthday!

## We Wish You A Happy Birthday!



Zezhong John Xu  
March 8



Yujiao Jenny Tu  
March 15



Runlai Eric Jiang  
March 16



Songheng Li  
March 18



Haozhe Jacob Dong  
March 23



Baotang Tommy Zu  
March 23



Wenzhe Jayko Ji  
March 24



Yi Jerry Su  
April 13



Mengyi Bella Tuo  
April 6



Yuanhao Frank Lyu  
April 17

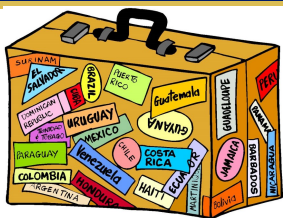


Yukang James Li  
April 18



Yifan Sunny Zhuang  
April 29

## End of School Year Preparations



Graduating seniors must remove *all their belongings* from the host family's home before leaving for summer break. Host Families are not responsible to store items over the summer and ship them to the student in college.

Unwanted items should be disposed of or donated to charity by the student and not left for the Host Family to discard.



## CLASS OF 2017

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE  
THE GRADUATION OF  
**RENASCENTIA HALL  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

**AT KALAHARI INDOOR WATERPARK  
Pocono Manor, PA  
on Saturday, May 20, 2017**

**Leaving at 8:30am and returning at 8:30pm**

**Transportation will be provided**

**Admission price is \$80 per person**

**(Food, games, entertainment, and lockers are extra)**



**NO CHARGE FOR RH GRADUATING SENIORS**

**RSVP by Tuesday, April 18, 2017 to  
302-273-2009 or [kkrauss@renashall.com](mailto:kkrauss@renashall.com)**