



Helping Hands at the Battery Park, Old New Castle Annual Spring Clean Up



An April shower on April 23, 2016 didn't keep these RH students from doing some worthwhile community service in Old New Castle, Delaware. Assisted by new staff member Yue "John" Ren and host parent, Carl Witte, the students tackled the dirty work of picking up debris and litter at Battery Park beach. Thank you, volunteers!

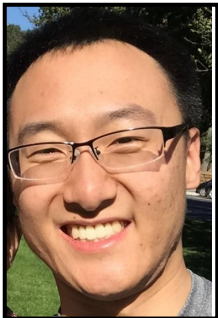


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Farewell, Michael!

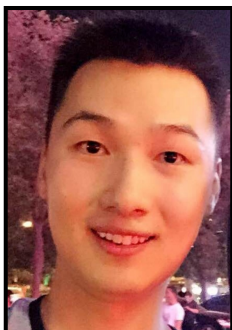
Siyuan "Michael" Geng is returning to



China to pursue his career goals in accounting. He made many friends during his time with RH as Tutor Coordinator, mentor, and Student Advisor.

We will miss Michael's generous spirit and air basketball moves almost as much as his dedication and wonderful smile. Best wishes, Michael!

Welcome, John Ren!



Yue "John" Ren is thrilled to be a new member of the RH family. He will graduate from the MBA program at the University of Delaware this year and is happy to continue his career in education. Prior to his MBA program, John worked at several Chinese universities for nine years focusing on international programs. This experience has afforded him opportunities to witness the cultural and educational differences between China and the west. Both education systems have their advantages but the essence of the Western education is more student-centered learning and provides many opportunities for students to think critically and perform creatively. At Renascentia Hall, John will serve the international students who come to the US to study under a cross-cultural context. He believes that a student's unique learning experience in the US will give momentum for them to think and live globally. By connecting with the American high school, host family, natural parents, and the student, John will act as a bridge to help them further develop their education and future goals.

Important School Dates

Please check your school website regularly for updates

- May: Have your DIAA physical before the end of school
- May 2: No school— Holy Angels
- May 2-6: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 2-13: AP Exams— Sanford, St. Mark's
- May 3-11: AP Exams— Red Lion
- May 5: National Day of Prayer
- May 6: Walk-a-thon: Holy Angels
- May 7: SAT — Sanford, St. Mark's
- May 7: Junior Prom— St. Mark's
- May 8: **Happy Mother's Day**
- May 12: Spring Concert—Red Lion
- May 13: Junior & Senior Prom— Wilmington Christian
- May 14: Prom—Sanford
- May 15: Student Piano and Instrumental Recital—Sanford
- May 16: Sports Banquet— St. Mark's
- May 17-20: Finals— Red Lion
- May 18: Cheer Banquet— St. Mark's
- May 23: Alumni Golf Outing—St. Mark's
- May 23-25: Senior Exams—Wilmington Christian
- May 27: Graduation— Red Lion, York Catholic
- May 27: Senior Prom— St. Mark's
- May 30: **Memorial Day**— No School
- June 3: Graduation— Salesianum
- June 4: Graduation—St. Mark's, Tower Hill, Wilmington Christian, Wilmington Friends
- June 5: Graduation— Ursuline

Upcoming Events

- May 6: Wilmington Blue Rocks Baseball Game, Fireworks RESCHEDULED TO FRIDAY, MAY 20**
- May 29: Senior Graduation Picnic at Lums Pond**

Tower Hill participates in the 2016 Diamond Challenge



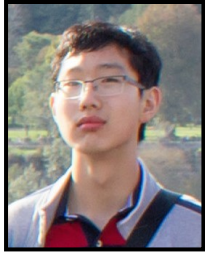
RH's Allen Wu was part of the Entrepreneurial Club team from Tower Hill that participated in the 2016 Diamond Challenge. This event featured presentations from numerous students from around the East Coast. The competition was divided into two sections: social projects and business concepts. The student groups presented various ideas ranging from collapsible bicycle helmets to interchangeable keyboard parts. The Tower Hill group focused on the business aspect with their company "Tech Wisdom". After presenting, the judges were able to ask the students questions and provide helpful advice that could be used to improve their ideas. Prior to making their presentations, the students heard from keynote speakers who discussed essential skills for business practice and public speaking.

RH Has Talent!

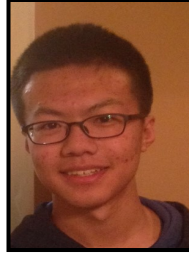


Saint Mark's High School sophomore, Xiangyi Olivia Fei, seated, was in the cast of the school's spring musical, *Bye, Bye Birdie*. The show was the first musical performed at Saint Mark's when it opened in 1969.

生日快樂 Happy Birthday!



Hongyan Bill Huo
May 10



Jifeng Archer Zhang
May 18



Kexin Rachel Su
May 31

The real Jerry Pei!



Zerui Jerry Pei
April 12

We Wish You A Happy Birthday!

Prom Time! Spring is in the Air!



Lijin Judy Chen (Tower Hill) and
Zhuohao Tiger Wang
(Salesianum)



You Allen Wu (Tower Hill)
and his date



Nan Nancy Wang
(Red Lion)

Student Spotlight

Runlai Eric Jiang joined the Wilmington Friends School community this year and has already managed to become a superstar there. Whether it's his funny jokes in class, his friendly and outgoing attitude, or his competitiveness in sports, Eric makes things interesting. His experience so far in America has been stellar to say the least. He was selected to be on the student panel to meet with the school's Board of Trustees during their visit earlier this month. In addition to playing lacrosse, Eric has wrestled for WFS. He says, "I like the WFS community. It's fun, the teachers and students are all nice here. I like to play sports with my teammates, and I like to learn with my classmates. Compared to the school community in China, Eric says, "Here I know people in different grades and ages, because there are many people in one grade in China." The differences between America and China are many. Eric seems to enjoy American culture, but when asked about what he misses about China, he replied, "In China, there are a lot of people, just like in New York City, and it is quieter here. In China, people always invite people to eat in restaurants, but here people go to each other's houses." There were many surprises in the US, too, for example, he was shocked when he saw students in class who got out of their seats without asking for permission. "When I saw people under 18 drive a car, I was surprised too." He is one of several foreign students at WFS who may choose to stay there through their senior year. While his first name is Runlai, people often refer to him as Eric. When asked which he preferred, he shared, "A foreign teacher gave me the name Eric when I was five years old. My dad gave me the Runlai only two years ago." Eric's host parents, Rebeca and Brian Fahey have hosted international students off and on for 20 years. Brian serves as Head of School at West Chester Friends School. Rebeca, who teaches Spanish at the University of Delaware, explains, "It's always an interesting experience to host people from different cultures. It's somewhat like traveling because it gets you to reflect on your own culture and customs. Hosting is a way to broaden horizons and have new experiences."



GRADUATION PARTY

Sunday, May 29

Where: Lums Pond State Park (Pavilion 4)
(Parking available near our pavilion)

When: 1 pm — 5 pm

What: Celebration Picnic for our Seniors
Main course & Beverages provided
Please bring a side dish to share

Who: All RH students & Host Families

Extras: See Below

RH Special Gift to Seniors = FREE Zip Line session!



Note: Park entry fee is \$4 for DE registered vehicles and \$8 for out-of-state vehicles.

Please bring extra chairs for seating 😊

Enjoy the biking and walking trails, bring your fishing gear, or hit up the tennis and basketball courts. Also available : volleyball, Frisbee, golf and horseshoes. For more information visit www.destateparks.com

Other activities available for an additional fee include:

- Kayaks \$9 single or \$11 double per hour
- Paddle Boats \$6 for half hour or \$10 per hour
- Go Ape Zip Line Course \$38 (under 17 years old) or \$58 (18 years old and up) **Reservation required**
- Canoes \$8 per hour
- Row boats \$7 per hour

Return this reservation to dlu@renashall.com by Monday, May 23.

RH Senior Student Name: _____ **YES, I WANT TO ZIP LINE!** _____

RH Student Name: _____

Host Parent Name: _____

Host Sibling Name: _____