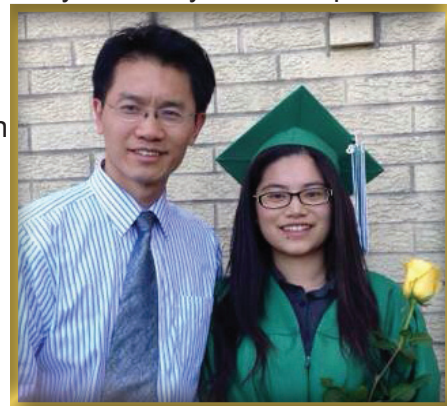




UD is the Place For Me

Jerry Xiao, Renascentia Hall Director, and Ivy Lv, pose for a picture at her graduation from Saint Mark's High School in May 2013. Ivy was accepted into the highly competitive Civil Engineering program at the University of Delaware and is a prime example of the type of success that Renascentia Hall prides itself in. When asked how Renascentia Hall impacted her life, Ivy said, "My English speaking skills have improved a lot through Renascentia Hall's program. It really helped me understand American culture and enabled me to adapt to life in the United States."



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Over the past 3 years, Renascentia Hall students have been accepted into the following Colleges and Universities:

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| Arcadia University (1) | Cornell University (2) |
| Drexel University (3) | Penn State University (3) |
| St. John's University (1) | University of California, Berkeley (1) |
| University of California, Irvine (2) | University of California, LA (3) |
| University of Illinois, UC (3) | University of Delaware (2) |
| University of Denver (1) | University of Michigan (2) |
| University of Pacific (1) | University of Pittsburgh (2) |
| University of Southern California (2) | University of Texas, San Antonio (1) |
| University of Washington (2) | Washington University (1) |



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Upcoming Events

- ▶ **October 5**
SAT Exam Day
- ▶ **October 12**
New York City Trip -
The Lion King Broadway Show
- ▶ **October 20**
Filasky Produce Farm -
Pumpkin Carving • Picnic • Hayride • Bonfire
- ▶ **November 2**
SAT Exam Day
- ▶ **November 4**
College Campus Tour & Info Session -
University of Pennsylvania
- ▶ **November 29 - December 1**
Weekend Trip -
River Bend Ranch & Luray Caverns, VA

SAT Practice Exam

Brandywine Hundred Library
October 26th

Administered by the
Princeton Review!

Registration is required. To sign up, please go to:
<http://princetonreview.com/events>
or call 1-800-2-REVIEW

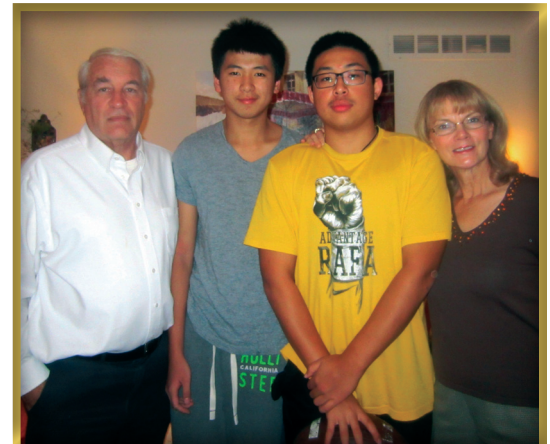
Important School Dates

- ▶ **Oct. 4** – Sanford School H & S Fall Social
- ▶ **Oct. 5/6** – Sanford School Musical Auditions
- ▶ **Oct. 5** – Saint Mark's Homecoming Dance
- ▶ **Oct. 14** – Columbus Day – ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED*
- ▶ **Oct. 15** – Sanford School College Night
- ▶ **Oct. 15** – Salesianum School Closed
- ▶ **Oct 16** – PSAT Testing – ALL SCHOOLS
- ▶ **Oct. 18** – Saint Mark's vs. Salesianum
Football Game
- ▶ **Oct. 19** – Salesianum Homecoming Dance
- ▶ **Oct. 23** – Saint Mark's Picture Retakes
- ▶ **Oct. 23** – Saint Mark's Jazz Band Auditions
- ▶ **Oct. 25** – Sanford School Parent Conferences
(No School)
- ▶ **Oct. 30** – Saint Mark's Senior Portrait Retakes

*Host Families may want to arrange college visits this day

We Love Our Host Families!

"Last year we were pleased to host Sean Sun, who arrived for the spring semester. We felt well supported by Jerry and the Renascentia Hall staff, which greatly helped with our host family transition. We decided to host a second student so the boys could have a "brother" for mutual friendship and support. We were paired with Jason Ju, who transferred from a school in Virginia. Jason has been a great addition to the family. The boys, although quite different in personalities and interests, bonded quickly. We well recognize the tremendous sacrifice that the families of international students are making for their children, and we take our responsibilities very seriously. Hosting Sean and Jason has been a rewarding experience for not only us but for our family and friends as well."



Joyce and Carl Witte

Newark Community Day

The Green, University of Delaware • September 15, 2013



Ball Toss (Aimee & Jason)

Renascentia Hall representatives volunteered their services at the 42nd Annual Newark Community Day, the area's premier fall festival. Students and host families helped direct the games in the children's area. At our booth, we shared information about our partner schools and the benefits of becoming a host family. Throughout the day, artistically talented members of our group offered to draw names, words and designs in Chinese calligraphy using special ink and brushes. Students accepted contributions for the Helen Graham Cancer Center for the artwork they created and also for Chinese trinkets they donated.



Scarecrow Making (Nancy & Aiko)



Our Booth for Chinese Calligraphy and Trinkets

Adam Berger & Barbara Morrell Join Renascentia's Team

On October 1, 2013, Renascentia Hall International brought Adam Berger on board as the full time Marketing Manager. In 2007, Adam graduated from the University of Delaware with a bachelor's degree in Communication. He has worked at Junior Achievement of Delaware as a Public Relations Intern, the Delaware Economic Development Office as a Marketing Coordinator and Cadapult Ltd. as a Marketing Specialist. Adam's amicable personality and desire to make a positive impact on an individual's life is what sets him apart from others.



Barbara Morrell grew up in Massachusetts, graduated from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York, studied at Johns Hopkins University on a graduate fellowship, and completed her formal education at University of California at Berkeley. She and her husband became host parents with Renascentia Hall in 2011 and enjoy sharing their home and learning about the beautiful culture of China. In addition to teaching mathematics at Saint Mark's High School, Barbara was hired as the Renascentia Hall School Program Manager in August. In this role, she works on-site with the international students to resolve problems involving courses, scheduling, and tutoring. As Program Manager, she is also a liaison to the school staff and moderates the Leadership Team. Her next major destination is China.

Mid-Autumn Festival Dinner

Newark Senior Center • September 15, 2013



Helen plays the erhu



Gavin entertains on the piano



Musical Chairs

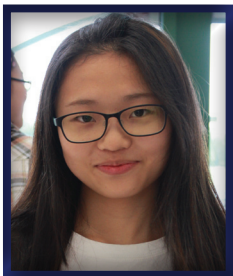
Nearly 100 Renascentia Hall students, host families and guests gathered on the evening of September 15 to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, an important holiday in China. Similar to Thanksgiving, the celebration brings together families to share traditional food and to celebrate the harvest. Host families were invited to honor the new family union created with the international students. Chinese and American foods were served to symbolize the joining of the two cultures.

Mooncake is always a highlight during these gatherings and its traditional round shape represents the full, bright, harvest moon and reunion of a family. Nowadays, people present mooncakes to relatives and friends to demonstrate that they wish them a long and happy life.



After dinner, the University of Delaware Dance Team performed and taught attendees the Salsa. Guests were then treated to the talents of Leo Chen (magic), Helen Che (erhu), Christy Xu (piano), Eric Wang (violin), Justin Ju and Amber Lu (vocal duet), and Gavin Du (piano). Host father Doug Poole entertained on the piano with vocal accompaniment. In between the talent acts, attendees played games and tried their luck at breaking a piñata. Although commonly associated with Mexico, the origin of the piñata can be traced back to China. The Chinese version was in the shape of a cow or ox and used for the New Year. It was decorated with symbols and colors meant to produce a favorable climate for the coming growing season. Instead of the now popular candy, it was filled with five types of seeds and then hit with sticks of various colors. After the piñata was broken, the remains were burned and the ashes kept for good luck. Ruilin “Miranda” Yang was presented a certificate for winning the T-Shirt Design contest.

“Happy Birthday To You!”



Yiqiao Aimee Shao
October 31



Ruilin Miranda Yang
October 5