



## Tower Hill School Joins Renascentia Hall



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The Tower Hill School has formed a partnership with Renascentia Hall to introduce international students to its Upper School. Tower Hill School is a co-educational, non-denominational school, preschool through grade 12, dedicated to its motto, *Multa Bene Facta* -- Many Things Done Well. Since 1919, Tower Hill's exceptional teaching and learning environment has provided a superior education conducive to the intellectual, emotional and physical growth of each individual student. The goal of the program is to develop students who are ethically responsible and prepared to meet the challenges of society with confidence by bringing their best to all they do. Graduates are offered admission to some of the best colleges and universities in the nation and the school has been ranked 47th in the country by TheBestSchools.org in a survey of private day schools. Tower Hill is the only Delaware school included in the rankings. Famous alumni include TV personality Dr. Mehmet Oz '78 and DuPont CEO Ellen J. Kullman '74.

### Happy Birthday



**Zhicheng  
(Justin) Zhao**  
April 18

### Getting Back to Basics



Since 2011, Back to Basics Learning Dynamics has partnered with Renascentia Hall to help international students become academically successful. Back to Basics tutors provide English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction to students as they begin their U.S. schooling. Tutors also provide assistance to students who need support in specific subject areas. Fully certified instructors meet pupils at their home, school or at a

public location such as a library. Summer tutoring is done via online video calls to students in their home country. Recently, Back to Basics Private School received Federal Government approval through the SEVIS program to issue I-20 certificates to students desiring to study in the U.S. on an F-1 Visa. Renascentia Hall has now placed several students at the school.

Back to Basics is an independent, coeducational day school and tutoring center in Wilmington, Delaware, founded in 1985 by Beverly Stewart, M.Ed. Having served the needs of over 13,500 children and adults, Back to Basics' 1-on-1 approach provides maximum student benefits by increasing knowledge of subject matter while building self-esteem. Students of all ages know that a solid education is the first step to a life filled with success and Back to Basics plays an integral part of that journey. Partnering with Renascentia Hall for the past 3 years has opened doors for many international students and has helped them to continue their path of academic achievement.

## Upcoming Events

**April 12**

- ◆ Youth Leadership Program Focus Group

**April 26**

- ◆ Mid Atlantic Grand Prix

**Thrill seekers take note! Join us for indoor go kart racing on Saturday, April 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mid Atlantic Grand Prix in New Castle, DE. Put yourself in the driver's seat by calling Eva at 302.273.2009.**



## Summer Camp Counselors Needed in China

Partner with Renascentia Hall and help us foster global awareness, understanding, and respect between cultures through teaching in China. We offer a flexible work plan so you can choose a two or four week camp program in July and August with the option to work in Shanghai, Kunming, Chengdu or all three cities! Your native English abilities will improve the English language skills of your eager Chinese students in the classroom through creative exercises and educational games. Have fun facilitating typical American camp games to further enhance English language acquisition. During your free time, experience upscale shopping and the exciting night life in the modern city of Shanghai, travel to the tropical and relaxing city of Kunming or explore the beautiful mountain city of Chengdu.

### Benefits

- ◆ Explore the world & establish connections
- ◆ Room & board provided
- ◆ Transportation assistance
- ◆ Visa sponsorship
- ◆ Teacher training & cultural orientation
- ◆ International work experience

### Qualifications

- ◆ Love for children & young people
- ◆ Strong desire to teach
- ◆ Interest in travel & experiencing new cultures
- ◆ High level of energy
- ◆ College senior/post graduate/current teacher
- ◆ Must be a native U.S. Citizen

Please help us publicize this opportunity by referring interested candidates to:

**Kathleen Rutherford**

302-273-2009 or

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## Students Explore The Franklin Institute and Chinatown

On Saturday, March 15, students and their chaperones enjoyed a beautiful spring day at The Franklin Institute and Chinatown in Philadelphia, PA. The day began with a viewing of the 3D movie, "Mummies 3D: Secrets of the Pharaohs," which showed how explorers piece together the archeological and genetic clues of Egyptian mummies. Following the movie, students enjoyed lunch at Franklin Foodworks, a sun-filled cafeteria-style eatery in the museum. After lunch, the group viewed the Pompeii exhibit. The exhibit was full of surprises which included rumbling walls and floors, smoke-filled rooms, and wind effects. These effects were all designed to simulate Mount Vesuvius's devastating eruption in 79 A.D. The day ended with time for shopping and dinner in Chinatown where the students stocked up on Chinese snacks and treats.



## Student Spotlight



**Zhongjie (Jack) Chen** joined the Renascencia Hall family on March 19 and is a freshman at Back to Basics in Wilmington, DE. Jack is from Zhejiang, China, an eastern coastal province bordering Jiangsu and Shanghai. Jack is very outgoing and aspires to become a successful business man who travels around the world. He enjoys drawing, making new friends and challenging himself every day. Welcome to the family!



Congratulations to **Yungi (Aiko) Zhao** for receiving the "One Purpose Award" from Saint Mark's High School. This award recognizes the contribution of a student's time and talents in making the Saint Mark's community one that encompasses the value of faith, honesty, humility and integrity.

## Important School Dates

### April 4-5, 11-12

- ◆ Spring Musical - Salesianum

### April 4, 5, 6

- ◆ Spring Musical - Saint Mark's

### April 7

- ◆ Spring Dress Code Begins - Saint Mark's

### April 9

- ◆ Early Dismissal - Saint Mark's

### April 9-13

- ◆ Band Trip - Saint Mark's

### April 11

- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences - Sanford (No School)
- ◆ Student Council Elections - Salesianum

### April 17- April 27

- ◆ Refer to individual school calendars for Easter/Spring Break schedule

### April 26

- ◆ Auction - Sanford
- ◆ Prom - Tatnall

### April 28-30

- ◆ Upper School Art Show - Sanford

## Host Family Corner



*"Being a host family has been an insightful experience. **Shiyao (Jason) Ju** joined our family in early February and has fit in well. He enjoys playing sports and knew our 16 year old son from the football program. My husband and I have had the pleasure of hearing them laughing as they compete in pool and ping pong in our basement. We also hear them teaching each other words and phrases in their native language. We shared Jason's birthday with him in February, at Hibachi, with a small dessert brought out by the staff resembling a Chinese cake. He explained the Chinese story behind the cake display. Our 12 year old*



*daughter has welcomed him as she chases him with Nerf guns and stern instructions for him to **STAY OUT, NO BOYS ALLOWED** in her room! Our two small dogs have found Jason to be a great addition to our family!"*

*- Kayla & William Holland*