

Renascentia Hall International

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College Acceptances

Renascentia Hall provides counsel and support to our international students as they maneuver through their college search. The process allows the students to learn more about themselves, their goals and their strengths. Experienced staff help them to make wise, informed decisions to find the right fit for the next phase of their education. Students received acceptances to the following colleges and universities this year and have chosen to attend the schools marked with an asterisk.

Arcadia University University of Alabama Binghamton University University of California-Berkeley* Boston University* University of California-Los Angeles Bunker Hill Community College* University of California-Santa Barbara* **Drexel University** University of Colorado Loyola University Chicago University of Connecticut* Michigan State University University of Delaware* Pennsylvania State University* University of Illinois Philadelphia University University of Maryland **Purdue University** University of Pittsburgh Rutgers University* University of the Pacific Stony Brook University University of Washington Virginia Tech* Temple University*

New Partner School



Renascentia Hall is pleased to announce a new partnership with Red Lion Christian Academy. At Red Lion Christian Academy, school life on the 37-acre campus is filled with joy. Academics are rigorous while balancing scholastic achievement with extracurricular and support activities. Red Lion Christian Academy's offerings provide a Christ-centered, well-rounded college preparatory education for every child, equipping them to excel

through every stage of life. Red Lion offers a foundation built on challenging and disciplined academics, creative and memorable fine arts, and character forming athletics. Faculty, staff and parents are called to prepare the next generation to become spiritual and national heroes for the marathon of life. Using a partnership approach in education, students are encouraged to dream together, building upon the solid foundation found in Christ our Lord. The school has accreditation from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Host Family Referral Incentive

Renascentia Hall offers a Host Family Referral Incentive of \$100 for every new approved family referred by a current host family or friend. Please help us locate suitable host families for our international students by sharing your experience with family, friends, co-workers, church members and community connections. Teachers and retirees are perfect prospects as well as current or former school families. Our international students speak English, have their own spending money, and are fully covered by insurance. The host family will receive a monthly stipend to help cover food, lodging, and transportation. Host Family Applications are available on our website, www.renashall.com, or by contacting our office at 302.273.2009.

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Back to Basics Closing Ceremony

Back to Basics Learning Dynamics held their end-of-school-year closing



ceremony on Thursday, June 5, 2014. Yoachen (Eric) Wang presented a report on Wolfgang Amandeus Mozart. To the delight of the audience, he performed one

of the Austrian composer's works on the violin. Zhongjie (Jack) Chen amazed the crowd when he reported

about life in China and accompanied his talk with a slide show. Both students ended their talk by answering questions from the group.



Graduation Picnic



In celebration of their academic achievement, Renascentia Hall hosted a picnic for the Class of 2014 at Lums Pond State Park in Bear, Delaware on Saturday, May 24, 2014. Students and host families enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and ribs cooked over a charcoal grill. All-American side dishes and snacks were supplied by families and staff. Desserts included a custom -decorated cake, a variety of cookies and fresh fruit. The group made use of many park activities including hiking, fishing, basketball, horseback riding, pedal boating, row boating and canoeing. The more daring revelers opted for the Go Ape zip line and treetop adventure course. The course's four zip lines traverse the 200-acre pond for which the park is named. Numerous rope ladders, crossings, and swings complete the thrill quest. After finishing the course, the hungry

adventurers returned to the picnic area to enjoy a snack and share stories from the day's pursuits. Congratulations to the seniors and best of luck in college.



















Happy Birthday



Chaoyun (Brad) Guo Tianyang (Sean) Sun





Jikang (Ben) Sun



Yifei (Li) Li 7/22





Jingjing (Ariel) Wang Xiaochen (Gavin) Du



8/8



Yaolin (Helen) Che Bojie (Kevin) Zhang 8/12



Lin'ao (Leo) Chen 8/18



Yifan Lu 8/21



Yaxing (Connie) Zhang 8/28

Student Spotlight

Ruilin Yang received a Tri-Athlete Award Certificate from Sanford School. Ruilin participated on the school's volleyball, swimming and soccer teams. She also received a trophy for Most Improved Swimmer. Well done, Ruilin!

Upcoming Events

August 10

♦ Host Family Orientation

August 20—22

◆ Renascentia Hall Student Orientation (Group 1)

August 27—29

◆ Renascentia Hall Student Orientation (Group 2)

Host Family Corner

Time passed by so quickly that it did not sink in until this morning that Kevin (Zhang, Bojie) is really leaving us. It brought tears to my eyes (Nona) when we dropped him off at JFK airport because the whole time that he was with us, we treated him as a real part of our family. This was our first year with Renascentia Hall and we were blessed to be Kevin's host parents. He is a caring person, respectful to all and always offering and giving what he has to others. He introduced us to real Chinese food (not the American version), and Chinese culture and history. The kindness and support of Jerry, Eva, Sherry and Clarice made our first year experience of hosting easy and enjoyable. In September, Kevin will arrive in California to conquer the next chapter of his education. We wish him the best. Kevin is aware that he is always welcome back to our home when he wants to visit Delaware.

- Cenona and Eugene Rodriguez



Eugene and Cenona Rodriguez enjoy dinner with Kevin Zhang.

Student Announcements

Returning students are reminded that they must arrive back in the U.S. several days prior to the start of school. This will allow time to get settled with their host family and to obtain any necessary immunizations and required medical tests so they can attend classes. Some students will also need to buy new uniforms. Please contact Sherry Chen to discuss your travel arrangements before making your flight reservation. Students who arrive after the start of school will be assessed a \$500 late fee. New students will be contacted by Sherry regarding their travel arrangements.

Rental textbooks must be returned to school before flying home. Unreturned books will be charged to the Student Account.

Please consult your school's website to learn which Summer Reading books are assigned for the class you will be taking. Students should also purchase these required books before returning home. All books are to be read prior to returning to school. Having the books before heading home will allow plenty of time to read and understand the assignments. Some teachers suggest students read the book in their native language and then re-read it in English. Students will have a written assessment the first week of school. Please be ready!

Students wanting to tryout for Fall Sports should be aware that practices start in mid-August. Plan your flight carefully.

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