



# Renascentia Hall International

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## Broadway Show in New York City

When American schools offer a spring break in late-March or early-April, many students travel south to warmer weather or explore bigger cities on the East Coast. One group took a day trip to New York City for a chance to see a Broadway show. "We were impressed with *The Phantom of the Opera* scenery, singing, and special effects, plus it even had a slightly scary part," said Tianqi "Terry" Li, a sophomore with Renascentia Hall.

Following a quick sightseeing walk around Times Square, they headed off to enjoy dinner at a sushi restaurant. Afterwards, the group fought through the crowds on Broadway to the ToysRUs store. Even though there wasn't time to ride the 60-foot indoor Ferris Wheel, the students enjoyed ice cream before leaving the Big Apple to return to Delaware.



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## Hershey Park Trip

Ride the Rollercoasters at Hershey Park and visit Chocolate World with your friends on **Saturday, May 16**. The cost for students and host siblings is \$44 (includes lunch ticket). The cost for adults is \$60, and guests pay \$75. Please check the flyer that was emailed to all students. Register in advance with Candise Schmidling: [CSchmidling@RenasHall.com](mailto:CSchmidling@RenasHall.com) or call 302-273-2009.

## Logging Service Hours is Important

Several students have been offering their community service hours by volunteering at churches, their schools, and local non-profit organizations. Here is a recent photo printed in the "New Castle Weekly" newspaper showing the RHI group who helped with trash pick-up at the historic **Battery Park and Beach Area** in Old New Castle in April. Please turn in your school's community service hours forms to Sherry Chen or Yang Song for signature of approval before the end of the semester.



(L to R: Candise Schmidling, host family coordinator; James Xu, Tiger Wang, Jake Zhu, and Mochen Xi.)

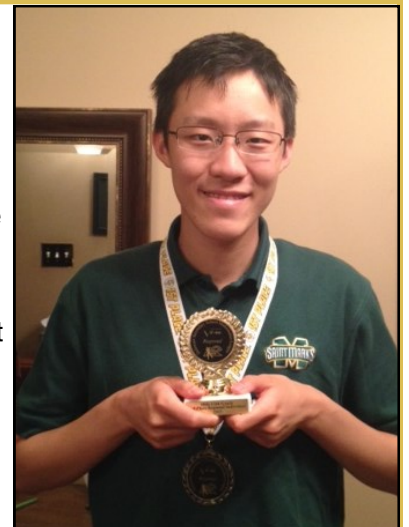
## Graduation Picnic

Graduation time is approaching for the seniors in the Renascentia Hall program. We invite all students to celebrate with them and their host families at a picnic on **Sunday, May 24** at Lums Pond State Park (Area 1) from 1—5 p.m. The main course, beverages and paper goods will be provided. Bring side dishes and lawn chairs. Enjoy the fun activities available at the park including boating, hiking and sports. *Special Gift to RH Seniors is a FREE Zip Line session!*

**RSVP:** by May 20 to [ysong@RenasHall.com](mailto:ysong@RenasHall.com)  
**Questions:** Call 302-273-2009

## Math Contest Winner

Congratulations to Yitao "Terry" Liu, a senior at St. Mark's High School. Terry has been in the Renascentia Hall program for three years. He won third place individually and was a member of the First Place team from St. Mark's School at the Delaware Secondary School Mathematics League for Region 4.



## Student Spotlight

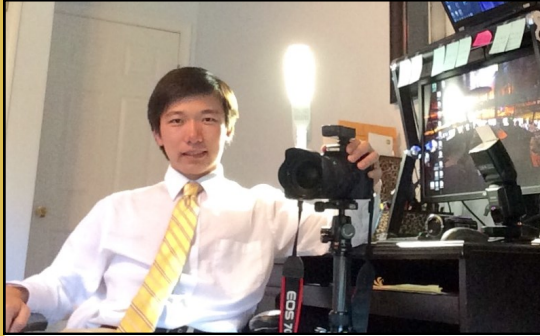
Yifan Lu loves photography, and his hobby reached new heights by winning a 4-H Photography award recently. Lu is a senior at Salesianum School and has been with the Renascentia Hall program for three years. The 4-H judges praised his time-lapse photograph (at right) titled "Chronology."

"I made this composition of three self-portraits to show my student life when all I do is sleep, read, and study," Lu said. He decided to compose the scene because everyday life is a challenge to capture.

"I first think about how to shoot the image: from which angle? using which kind of lens? shutter speed? and aperture combination? If your camera has a multi-exposure function, it is easy to do. If not, you can set your camera on a tripod for steadiness. You can put pictures in Photoshop to align and mix them into a single picture."

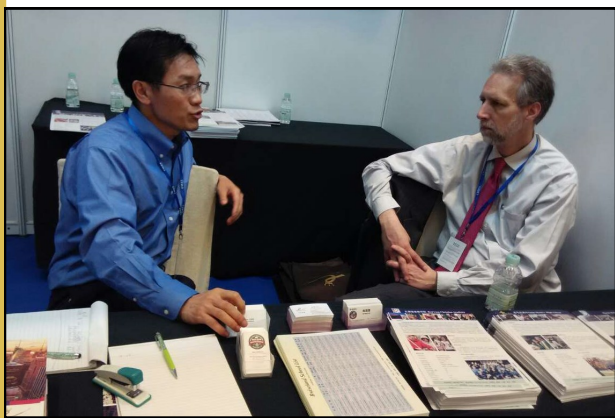
Lu said he used a Canon 70D, which is "amateur equipment" yet is a good choice for young photographers because it has basic functions that some professionals use. Lu has been interested in photography since 9th grade, when he

received his first DSLR (digital single lens reflex) camera. "I did not have a teacher or take any classes," Lu said. "I just learned how to use the camera and Photoshop on my own." Lu would like to continue this hobby in future, but doesn't think it will be his career. "I enjoy taking pictures, and I really cannot say that I have a favorite. All of them are different, I treat every picture that was posted as my favorite."



## Education Expo in China

Principal Sam Osbourn from Red Lion Christian School (right) met with Jerry Xiao (left), director of Renascentia Hall, to do student recruiting in the cities of Beijing, Guangzhou, and Shanghai last month. Osbourn said he was happy to see so many talented students at the Expos. He also enjoyed authentic



Chinese cuisine and met parents of his current student Frank Lyu during an office visit to Nan-jing.

## Inspiration & Insight

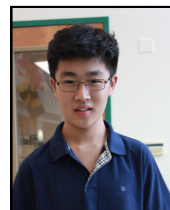
"International educational exchange is the most significant project designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point, we would hope, that men can learn to live in peace." - — *Senator J. William Fulbright, who founded the Fulbright Scholars Program in 1946*

### SHORT TERM HOSTING

Host families can sign up for one, two, or three weeks of homestay with **Renascentia Hall Summer Camps**. Families can place one or two students in the same bedroom, as long as the students are provided separate beds. Stipends will be paid at \$35/day, and students will need transportation to an educational day camp at a local school during the weekdays. RH will provide weekend field trips and activities. Please respond to Candise Schmidling, Host Family Manager, by June 1 if you are interested in this opportunity. **The camps run from July 18 to August 8.**

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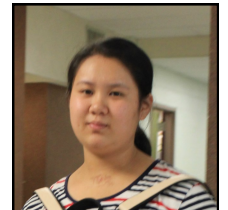
## Happy Birthday 生日快樂



Yuchen Zhou  
(Charlie)



Hongyan Huo  
(Bill)



Kexin Su  
(Rachel)

We wish you a very  
**Happy Birthday!**

