

GLOBAL MAKER CAREER FAIR

On November 18th, ACSI co-hosted the Global Maker Career Fair at Purdue University. The event, which featured more than 20 companies and 3000 students, was designed for International Students seeking internship and full-time employment opportunities in the United States.

By Colin Renk, ACSI Executive Director

当地时间11月18日,海遇网(MLN.com)校园招聘活动在普渡大学开启第一站。本次活动海遇网携手全球人力资源领军企业万宝盛华集团(ManpowerGroup)、美国高科技创新企业Vibronix等世界500强公司为普渡学生带来到各大企业实习、就业的机会。

一次招聘,承载着学子们的一份期望。由印州美中协会(ACSI)协助举办的普渡大学双语招聘会已经连续举办了三年,现场来自五大洲不同肤色的学子们络绎不绝。为欢迎学子们,海遇网的工作人员早早来到招聘现场。现场同学们积极主动的咨询、应接不暇的简历、坦诚交流的互动场景无不让人印象深刻。

本次招聘会学生们对海遇网提供的职位都抱着浓厚的兴趣,不停地咨询海遇网现场招聘人员各种工作岗位及其要求等问题,海遇工作人员回答到嗓子发哑。还有不少学生投了万宝盛华集团(ManpowerGroup)提供的500强企业在中国的职位。学生们都特别关心相关职位的性质、工作地点、岗位类型、何时回聘聘用结果等等。针对以上问题,海遇网海外市场总监、万宝盛华集团ManpowerGroup代表廖隆华先生在现场一一作答。同时,海遇网也在这里告知求职者,万宝盛华集团(ManpowerGroup)收到学生们的简历后会直接跟有意向的学生联系并安排面试,根据面试结果推荐到相应的工作岗位。

学生们坦诚互动的热情也感染了海遇网(MLS)兼海遇网(MLN)首席执行官丁沪生先生,现场亲自上阵耐心为求职的学子解答疑问。当其他招聘单位都撤展时,学生们积极热情的态度让海遇网的工作人员留守到最后。

隔天19号的面试活动进行得非常顺利,让海遇网招聘到了理想的人才,也让海遇网在招聘过程中了解到大部分学生在求职时最看重的是锻炼平台。会后,海遇网还了解到现场来了不少优秀的大一新生。他们虽然初入校门,但已经在为自己的职场生涯未雨绸缪。目前在印州留学的在读中国学生已经超过一万,仅普渡大学和印第安纳大学在校中国留学生就达八千多人。读书期间的实习以及毕业后的职业发展,是留学生们及家长们最关心的话题,也是他们面临的巨大挑战。为帮助留学生把握职场趋势,实现自己的职场理想,海遇网与各高校合作,不定期地举办职场讲堂等活动,通过微信等社交媒体平台推送关于职场的实用技能,帮助大家增强职场知识。不少学生关心中国的就业机会,但苦于没有就业渠道。据中国政府官方统计,2015年国内大学毕业生749万,2016年预计达到770万,届时加上海归毕业生及往届毕业生就业压力将超过1000万。巨大的就业人数和社会竞争,与海外留学生已经失去了的海归标签的优势,将使得海归一族面临空前的就业压力。为了拓宽学生的就业渠道,海遇网(MLN.com)和全球人力资源行业开创者及人力资源解决方案领导者万宝盛华集团(ManpowerGroup)达成战略合作,将陆续为广大留学生们提供不同行业和技能领域的中国就业直通车服务。

海遇网的本次校园招聘得到了普渡大学就业中心(CCO)、中国学生学者联谊会(PUCSSA)、香港学生会(HKSA)、全球中国联接(GCC)、普渡中国中心的大力支持与协助。

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PERSPECTIVE

MY FULBRIGHT EXPERIENCE



Hannah Martin is currently a senior at Butler University. Hannah was adopted from Jiangxi, China when she was a toddler and grew up in Winfield, Illinois. Hannah has a double major in Arts Administration and Chinese Language and Culture. She studied abroad twice while at Butler. Her dream job is to create and be the director of her own American Culture Center in China.

The crowning moment of my trip was becoming friends with Mint, my language tutor. I met Mint on my second day at Shaanxi Normal University when I had my roughest culture shock; understanding Chinese accents. I studied Chinese for two and half years but my teacher spoke slower and simplified her accent. This was real-speed Chinese! Despite the initial difficulties, Mint saw that I wanted to understand her and her Chinese culture. By the time my semester ended, the two of us used WeChat regularly to meet for lunch or sight see around Xian.

Our last trip together was to Mt. Hua, Xian's most famous and dangerous mountain. People died on hiking Mt. Hua and our group wanted to conquer the Plank Path. The path itself is not difficult but the amount of people and the traffic pattern make it dangerous. The wooden path is nothing but groups of three two-by-fours strapped to the side of the mountain. We also went at peak season with up to 20 people on the path at the same time. The last big problem was the large ledge at the end of the Plank Walk that did not lead to the rest of the mountain. Once you got to the ledge, you turned around and returned to the entrance on the same path. As a result, my group stopped frequently to let people walk over us to return to the entrance.

Even at the risk of falling to my death, I could not have chosen a better person for this adventure. During breaks, Mint and I took selfies and talked about the beautiful scenery. Deep down, we realized that this was the last trip before I returned to the U.S. but I knew I would visit my lifelong friend again.

Although not fluent yet, this Fulbright-Hays trip taught me to push myself and showed me that I could survive in a foreign country. For anyone who is unsure about traveling abroad, I say take the risk. All the fears I had before going to China look incredibly small compared to what I can do now and that is what made this experience worth it.

Green algae on a sunken tree waves at me while I take a photo of Peacock Lake. It is late afternoon and I finally made it through Jiuzhai Valley National Park (九寨沟). China is more known for its pollution than its natural wonders but Peacock Lake's turquoise water is like a scene out of Avatar. I feebly snap pictures but realize even a professional photographer cannot capture the beauty of this park. Suddenly, a deep rumble bounces off the mountain peaks, it is going to storm and I need to return to the hostel.

My path to China started in Boston, Massachusetts with an orientation for the 2015 Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad Chinese Immersion Program. UMASS Boston selected 16 outstanding Chinese language students from across the U.S. to study in China for eight months with a mission to increase mutual cultural understandings between China and the U.S.

A regular study abroad trip may include only Chinese language study or an internship for a semester. The Fulbright-Hays program included intensive Chinese classes, homestay, internship, three research projects, and three study tours. It was everything I dreamed of in a study abroad program and it was sure to improve my language skills.

WINTERTIME

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." ~Anne Bradstreet



Dr. Patrick Lau was born in Hong Kong and immigrated to the U.S. after high school. He retired from the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System where he served as Chief Radiologist and moved to Florida with his wife in 2011. He was an active member & contributor of IACA and ICMA while in Indiana. Dr. Lau is also a scholar of art and literature and a prolific writer, he has been a dedicated columnist for Indy Asian American Times since 2010.

Winter in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres is due to the earth's axis in that hemisphere tilted away from the sun. In wintertime, the sky is ashen. The trees have long shed almost all of their colorful autumn leaves. The bitter glacial north wind hit the trees, blowing down the few remaining withered leaves on the lifeless branches; all the trees eventually appear barren 寒風摧樹木, 北風叫枯葉. The last of the autumn flowers have faded due to the frost, and the biting cold temperature. The once lively grass simulating a great jade-green carpet covering the earth has turned lifelessly yellowish brown. The geese and swallows have departed long time ago. Seemingly, everything is so listless and dull; a sense of melancholy is felt in the frosty air.

Then suddenly, fluffy snowflakes start falling down from the sky 燕山雪花大如席; they dance gracefully in the air, hitting the ground gently, creating a picturesque scene 飄飄送下遙天雪. There are the complete silence and serenity 萬籟此俱寂. Winter also brings with it the beautiful winter flowers, such as the Asiatic lily, pansy, roses, poinsettia, and winter jasmine, witchhazel, among others, blooming in the cold air and blissfully embracing the snowflakes. Nevertheless, the Chinese plum 梅花 tops the list of all the wintertime flowers. It is the most treasured blossom in Chinese art and poetry; it symbolizes beauty, perseverance, hope and purity. 梅須遜雪三分白, 雪卻輸梅一段香. In fact, some plants necessitate to go through a period of low winter temperature (vernalization) to instigate or augment the flowering process.

The accumulated snow covers up the straw-color parched grass, forming a colossal piece of white mantle that spreads beyond the horizon. The snow also thoroughly drapes the limbs of all the barren trees, changing them into elegant, artistic, arching projections 青竹變瓊枝. The heavy load of snow occasionally cracks and breaks some branches, momentarily disrupting the tranquility. 夜深知雪重, 時間折竹聲. The once lifeless Earth has been concealed under the undisturbed thick whitish snowy

blanket; and it has been transformed into a white Heaven.

Winter seems desolate and bleak. 千裏黃雲白日曛, 北風吹雁雪紛紛. However, winter is peaceful and serene. Early in the winter morning, the ground is, besides snow, also covered with fog. The morning dewdrops glitter on the leaves of the evergreen trees - spruces, firs, cypress and pines. In day time, it is chilly yet cheerful with the warm winter sun shining high up above. At night, the moon and stars are piercingly bright; with their reflection from the white snow, the whole world seems to subtly light up, the once sadness and dullness have vanished in the tranquil and serene milieu.

Winter has its romance and poetry; unique in its qualities. People can enjoy the snow and the warm winter sun. Winter does not have the gorgeously of spring, nor the vigor of summer, nor the richness of autumn; nonetheless, it possesses incomparable quietude and tranquility. John Steinbeck wrote, "What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

In winter, comfortably sitting by the fire place, admiring the cheerfully dancing flames with our beloved spouses, we indulge in cherishing those happy memories of the past and relishing the nostalgic moments. In addition, winter teaches us to appreciate and be content and grateful for what we have. If we let our spirit go free, we could be youthful at heart and soul. Albert Camus wrote, "In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer." In addition, all the adverse external phenomena are just a short-lived experience. And we have to be patient to wait for the better season to come around. Percy Bysshe Shelley once said, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

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INDY SISTER CITY CELEBRATION HONORS VOLUNTEERS, PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The 2015 Indianapolis Sister Cities Celebration was held on November 30, 2015 at the Basile Opera Center. "It was a wonderful evening to celebrate the global aspects of our city. Congratulations to all the evening's honorees, remarked Mayor Ballard.

Those receiving Excellence in Service awards (in the above left photo) were Sandy Brown (Campinas, Brazil Sister City Committee), Ramu Chinthala (India), Fran Colley (Teacher Outreach), Kendra Thomas (Brazil), Lia Morris (Taiwan), Bill Petrovic (Slovenia), Larry Grider (Fest), Raquel Ward (Brazil). Individuals receiving awards who were not present were: Bill Engle (Brazil), Helen Chen Paluszewski (Taiwan), and Joanne Sanders (Slovenia). Lia Morris was recognized as the 2015 Volunteer of the Year.

Excellence in Program awards were given to the Cologne, Germany Sister City Committee for their program called Bach meets Baker. The program

received the first place award. Also, receiving an award was the Taipei, Taiwan Sister City Committee for their program called Heart of Taiwan: Connected Through Dance.

Two community partners were recognized as well. This included Citizens Energy Group and Indy Eleven for their support of their continued support of the Sister Cities Fest each of the four years it now has been held. "The Indy Sister City program is dependent on the support of our volunteers and our community partners. We thank everyone who was present that evening as well as those who were not present who have contributed to the success of the program this year."

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Excellence in service



Jane Gehlhausen, Dr. Chao-Hung Lee, Martin Baier, Mayor Ballard