

A JAG FROM CARMEL-STEPHANIE HUANG



In law school, an upper-class schoolmate told her about JAG. She learned that the military values discipline and that she can greatly develop and gain leadership skills. Plus, she thought that she probably had the potential to pass the mandatory physical test. On the other hand, nobody in her family or friends had the military background, so she was not quite sure whether joining the ministry was the best choice for her. Plus, getting accepted into the military law system, she knew, was not easy. After all, from year to year, the acceptance rate has been only 4% to 14%, allegedly. However, she decided to give it a try. One month before she graduated, she happily heard from the U.S. Air Force that she had been accepted into JAG. She knew that it was a valuable opportunity, so she decided to join the Air Force and become a JAG.

Of course, physical training in the military is not easy. Based on gender and age, requirements the training plans vary. Such information is available online.

“Does the U.S. Air Force requirement that your blanket be folded into something like a bean curd (a requirement for Chinese military and for the Taiwanese military since the reporter is from Taiwan),” the reporter asked?

“Not really, but there are training and ritual for many things, such as folding clothing, walking, saluting,” answered Stephanie. It seems that the U.S. military is not much different from the Chinese military in terms of discipline.

The military law system consists not only the General Court Martial but also different levels of court based on the significance of a case. A JAG can play different roles, such a prosecutor, a judge, or a defense lawyer.

A big difference between a JAG and a lawyer in the civil society is that a JAG is not only a lawyer but also a military officer. An officer must have strong leadership. How to deal with the different ranking relationships is very different from what is taught in law school. Facing the future, Stephanie could not help but feel excited.

Few students of Chinese origin join the military. Stephanie suggests that people can be more open-minded about this option and that some people might find the right direction there.

Facing an outstanding young Chinese American, we whole-heartedly hope that this young captain will extend her talent and have a productive career.

Among families of Chinese Americans, who mostly are in the fields of science and technology, few people in the second generation join the military. Stephanie Huang from Carmel is an exception. In 2016, she graduated from a law school, passed the bar, and earned her license to practice law. Then, she passed the military training in five weeks and military law training in another nine weeks. In April this year, she proudly joined the U.S. Air Force and became a JAG (Judge Advocate General). On August 7, she was promoted to Captain from Second Lieutenant. The reporter interviewed her regarding her journey of walking through this professional career development.

In college, Stephanie did not intend to pursue law after graduation. She began to love to serve others since she was very young, so she would like to be engaged in public affairs when growing up; especially she would like to help those who are underprivileged. In media reporting, however, she heard that lawyers often work for big companies, and that, sometimes, they have to defend for “bad people.” This kind of public image of working as a lawyer did not appeal to her. Becoming a lawyer simply to earn big bucks did not interest her either. During her formative years, she gradually cultivated the interest of fighting against human trafficking in the future. She also found that being a lawyer can have bigger power to help those who are underprivileged. Eventually, she decided to study law.



The countdown for 2017-18 school year has officially begun! Below you will find important district-wide information you will need to know before the first day of school begins on Tuesday, August 15.

District Initiative on Unstructured Play/Recess

At the June 24th Board Meeting, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Nicholas D. Wahl, presented an update to the Carmel Clay School Board on the topic of unstructured play and recess and reported that this subject matter would be an important component of the 2017-18 Elementary Education Program Evaluation. The district continues to empower CCS teachers in allowing them to make real-time decisions on the structured and unstructured play/recess that best fits the needs of their students. Carmel Clay Schools continues to be mindful of unstructured play/recess and what pediatric studies have shown in enhancing student achievement, cognitive development and social-emotional wellness for children. We look forward to the recommendations from the Elementary Education Program Evaluation Committee as we strive to continuously improve student programming for our elementary-aged students.

CCS Transportation

Bus Routes, Times and Driver Information

Information regarding your child's bus routes, pick-up/drop-off times and bus driver will be available on myccs starting August 7th.

Please follow @myCCSBus on Twitter and Carmel Clay Schools Transportation on Facebook for general transportation information and alerts throughout the school year.

Transportation Service Form

Please submit a transportation service form if:

Your child does not need transportation

Your child has a second pick-up and/or drop-off address

You have other questions or concerns regarding your child's transportation

Important Bus Safety Rules

For the safety of your child and others, we encourage you to review the Bus Safety Rules.

Ongoing Road Improvement Projects

Our Transportation Department continues to be in communication with the City of Carmel regarding current and future plans for road improvement projects. If it is determined that a certain project will affect your child's bus route and/or pick-up and drop-off times, you will be informed of these changes in myccs and via email.

Food & Nutrition Services

EZSchoolPay Account Information

EZSchoolPay is a FREE online prepayment service to manage your child's lunch account and view account purchases. www.EZSchoolPay.com

Free & Reduced Price Meal Application

The 2017-18 Free & Reduced Price Meal applications can be found at www.EZMealApp.com. Families who qualify for this benefit are required to complete a new application annually to receive free or reduced priced student meals.

CCS MealViewer To Go App

Download the CCS MealViewer To Go Menu App to view menus, nutritional & allergen information from your phone or tablet.

Check out the Food & Nutrition Website for more information at <http://www1.ccs.k12.in.us/district/food-services>

Source: Carmel Clay School

NEWFIELDS IMA INTERGRADES NATURE & THE ARTS

For the first time, the 152-acre campus that includes the Indianapolis Museum of Art will have an official name. Newfields, a Place for Nature and the Arts, integrates the IMA, The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park: 100 Acres, The Garden, Lilly House and various performance spaces beginning in October. Chief Executive Officer Charles Venable says the name “is a celebration of our past and a commitment to our future.”

He adds “our diverse landscape is unlike any other in the Midwest, and now is the time that we fully embrace all that we have to offer the community as a one-of-a-kind institution. We are embracing our natural resources like never before, while staying true to our legacy as an art museum.”

The identity was developed through

initiatives including a 10-year strategic plan that was approved in 2015; a \$10 million Lilly Endowment Inc. grant to launch an endowed innovation fund that led to comprehensive research in areas such as marketing, community engagement and land use; and a 30-year Master Land Use Plan that is currently under review by the IMA Board of Governors.

Over the last two years, the IMA says, the Newfields identity and name were “extensively tested and scored well with the target audience.” The IMA partnered with Indianapolis-based advertising agency Young & Laramore throughout the process.

The IMA was founded in 1883 and its footprint includes the Miller House and Garden in Columbus.

QIXI FESTIVAL

“Days of absence, sad and dreary. Clothed in sorrow's dark array, Days of absence, I am weary; She I love is far away.” ~William Shakespeare



Qixi (Double Seventh) Festival 七夕節 is observed on the seventh day of the seventh lunar month of the Chinese calendar; and it falls on August 28 this year. Qixi Festival originated from the Han Dynasty.

As the legend goes, a long time ago, the Jade Emperor and the Goddess of Heaven raised seven beautiful daughters, known as the “Seven Fairies.” They were responsible for weaving the clouds and rainbows in the sky. One day, they descended to earth and decided to bathe in a pristine lake; leaving their clothes on the shore. A cowherd “Niulang 牛郎” mischievously took their clothes. The fairies chose their youngest sister, Zhinu 織女 (weaving maid), to retrieve their clothes from Niulang. There was love at first sight for Niulang and he sincerely proposed to her. They got married and lived happily. And they were blessed with two children, one boy and one girl.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, their happy matrimony was discovered by the Goddess of Heaven, who was infuriated that her most favorite daughter married a mortal. She commanded Zhinu to return to heaven immediately. Niulang's ox was, in fact, an immortal in Heaven; because of his misdeeds, he was punished to ‘reincarnate’ as an ox on earth. The ox told Niulang to slaughter him and put on his hide, which would enable him to fly to reunite with Zhinu.

Carrying his two young children, Niulang desperately flew after his beloved wife. The goddess of Heaven was furious, she used his golden hairpin to scratch a wide river (Silvery River 銀河) in the sky to separate the couple forever on the two banks; thus creating the Milky Way. Zhinu must stay eternally on one side of the river, weaving colorful clouds on her loom; while Niulang helplessly watched his wife from afar, raising their two offspring. Eventually, the Goddess of Heaven, knowing



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that they were genuinely in love with each other, permitted them to unite once a year on the seventh night of the seventh lunar month. All the magpies of the world, sympathetic to their predicament, would flock together forming a bridge, ‘the bridge of magpies’ 鵲橋, over the Silvery River (Milky Way), so Niulang and Zhinu could meet and enjoy an annual family reunion.

In ancient time in China, on Qixi, young lovers as well as singles visited the temples to pray for a romantic love and happy marriage. Chinese maidens aspired to possess great handicrafting skills, such as weaving and needle work, which were, at that period of time, criteria for making a good wife and mother. The damsels burnt incense sticks and prayed to Zhinu to grant them wisdom and dexterous hands and perfect skill in needlework (Qixi festival is also called 乞巧節); and they also prayed for a good husband and healthy, intelligent children in the future. They also offered fruits, pastries, flowers, incense and facial powder as a tribute to Zhinu.

Qixi festival has progressively become known as ‘Chinese Valentine's Day’. Both Qixi and the Western Valentine's Day are generally regarded as a holiday for lovers. Today in China, more and more young folks celebrate Qixi festival as if they are celebrating the Western Valentine's Day. Many Chinese couples tie the knots on Qixi, in the belief that they will be blessed with a happy marriage.

秦觀：纖雲弄巧，飛星傳恨，銀漢迢迢暗渡。金風玉露一相逢，便勝卻人間無數。柔情似水，佳期如夢，忍顧鵲橋歸路！兩情若是長久時，又豈在朝朝暮暮！

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WORLD PREMIERE Welcome. Home. The International State of Indiana with Judy O'Bannon

Wednesday, August 30th, 2017
Georgetown 14 Cinemas
In the heart of the International Marketplace
3898 Lafayette Road, Indianapolis, IN 46254

6:30 pm - Hors d'oeuvres & Refreshments
7:00 - 8:00 pm - Film

A question/answer session with the producers will immediately follow the program.

This is a free event with generous support from our sponsors. RSVP via FACEBOOK event.



About the Documentary

Since the beginning of time, Indiana has had a diverse population. We will explore how we got to where we are today and examine the ways Indiana is enriched by the input of people who came from somewhere else but now we call Hoosiers. The film is part of the WFYI series ‘Communities Building Community with Judy O'Bannon’. The program will have its first airing on August 31st, at 9:00pm on WFYI.



Aerial view of the Indianapolis Museum of Arts