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A Time to Remember

Massachusetts International Academy



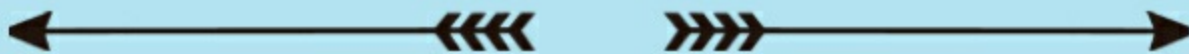
Fall 2016

Mission Statement

The mission of Massachusetts International Academy is to increase students' English language proficiency, equip students with the skills needed for successful academic study, and teach students about American life and values to assist them in the acculturation process.

Massachusetts International Academy supports postsecondary English language learners in achieving college-level competency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The course of study is rigorous and relevant, focusing on the knowledge students must possess and the skills they must demonstrate to succeed in academic coursework. Courses are sequenced from beginner through intermediate to advanced levels, building on both skills and content knowledge.

As a residential school, Massachusetts International Academy also supports learning beyond the classroom through its extracurricular programs and events. Interactions with native English speakers, a structured residential program, and connections with the local community foster cultural awareness, sensitivity, initiative, and creativity encouraging students to be engaged participants in future academic study in the United States.





"I am so proud of all of you for everything you have accomplished! Not only has your English improved, but you have survived the Halloween Haunted House, traveled to New York City, cheered at a Celtics game, climbed a mountain and so much more. As you enter into your University years I encourage you to put down your cell phones and computers and simply try everything. As Obama says, "When your journey seems too hard, and when you run into a chorus of cynics who tell you to just give up, or that you should settle - you might just say to yourself a little phrase that I've found handy: Yes, we can."

Jessica Miller, Director of Student Services

Congratulations students! I want you to remember these two concepts in the future:

- 1) "If it's not fun, why do it?!"
-by the American ice cream maker Ben & Jerry
- 2) "Never let your schooling interfere with your education."
-by the American writer Mark Twain

Brodie Henry, Academic Advising Coordinator



"Dear Graduating Class of Fall 2016, treasure every moment you have had here at MAIA. Treasure the lessons, the laughter and the tears. Treasure your friends, teachers and staff and know that it was all worth it. It was worth taking an adventure to an unknown country just to study. It was worth trying new activities, food and a new life style. It was worth coming to MAIA.

MAIA is where you began your story in America and don't forget it. Go off and conquer this world with confidence and bravery. Learn from your mistakes and your successes.

Congratulations!!!! I am proud of you and I will miss you."
Charmaine Francis, Coordinator of Student Affairs



I am so happy that you have been able to call MAIA your home. I hope that you have enjoyed your time here and that it has built a foundation for you to be successful in university. University will seem tough at times but when it is the hardest remember the strength, determination, and fearlessness that has brought you so far from home!

Congratulations & Good Luck!
Meredith Vasquez, Executive Vice President

We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better – JK Rowling





Kristen Brown
Ani Gjika
Bob Grady
Kelly Herman



James Hughes
Eden Kaiser
Sara Khanzadi
Rebecca Lawrence



Lorraine Martin
Daniel McCarthy
Mareika McLaughlin
Katherine Murphy



Virginia Parra
Meredith Paterson
Daniel Petrelli
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Judith Walz
Theron Willis
Summer Xie

From the Teachers:

We have enjoyed watching you learn and grow this year as you have become more independent. Although it's bittersweet, you are now moving to the next stage of your learning.

We wish you every success for next year and beyond. We know it will be challenging, and you will face difficulties. We hope that your time here has prepared you as you face those challenges with strength and a determination to succeed. You have come a long way; however, that is just the start of your adventure. We are happy that we were able to be a part of your journey, and we hope that it takes you in directions that you never expected. We wish you all the success in the future!



Ather's Advisees

Believe me when I say I've imparted on you everything I was meant to during our brief time together. That being said, indulge me for just a moment. I'd like to tell you a story. As is the case with all stories, take what you need and leave the rest.

The story begins with a man being chased by a ferocious tiger. The tiger chased him to the edge of a cliff. The man falls off. Half way down, the man grabs on to a branch. He looks up and sees a hungry tiger. Then he looks down. He sees another hungry tiger waiting for him on the ground below! It's not a good place to be. He knows for sure he is going to die. Then out the corner of his eye, he sees a wild strawberry. He plucks it then eats it.

It was the sweetest tasting strawberry he ever had.

-Ather





Talia Bu



Eudora Cheng



Stephanie Chu



Nick Dong



Jessie Du



Jackie Fu



Olivia Gao



Sam He



Wade Hu



Fred Li



Rachel Liao



Liam Liu



Andy Pan



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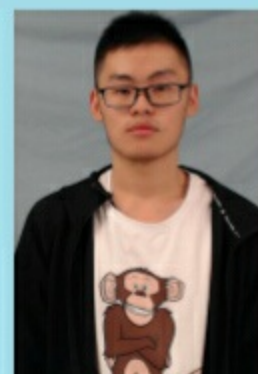
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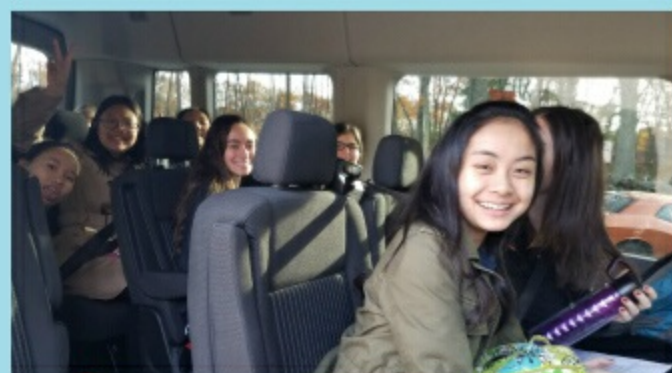
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Cindy Zhao



Eric Zhou



Hailee's Advisees

This has been an amazing experience for you and me both! Watching you grow academically and emotionally has been a privilege, and I can only hope you keep pushing yourselves to try new things - to keep growing. I'll leave you with a quote that reminds us that it is okay to fail as long as you are trying your best.

"As you know from school, it's when you have not prepared for the test that you have the fear of failing. And if you have prepared, even if you fail, you've done your best." - Alice Walker

-Hailee





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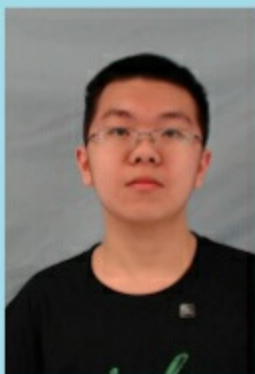
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Tony Yuan



Jack Zhang



Lucas Zhang



Kevin Zhao



Bryce Zhong



Jean Zhu



Lydia Wang



Joy's Advisees

The best advice that I was ever given before going to university was to "know who you are, what your values are, and to be around people who positively influence you." University is a place for discovering yourself and for figuring out who you want to be in the future, so take every opportunity to try new things and try to find something that you truly love to do!

Since this is my first year at MAIA, I feel that we got to experience a lot of new things together. Thanks for being patient with me and opening up in our one-on-one meetings. I really enjoyed getting to know all of you and I wish you all a successful career at university!!!

-Joy





Lia Cao



Richard Cao



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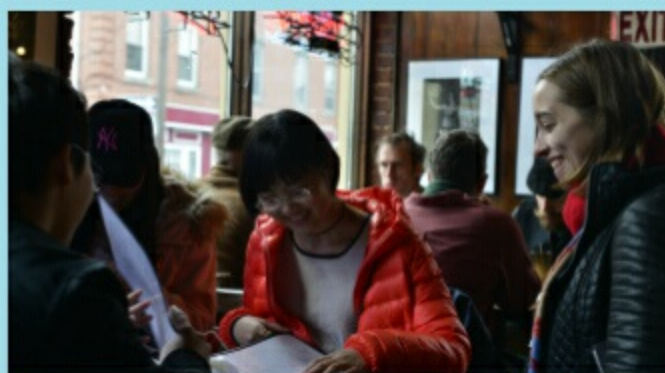
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Sean Ying



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Lyle Zhang



Martin Zhang



Tony Zhang



Carol Zheng



Brian Zhou



Kathleen's Advisees

"My favorite animal is the turtle. The reason is that in order for the turtle to move, it has to stick its neck out. There are going to be times in your life when you're going to have to stick your neck out. There will be challenges and instead of hiding in your shell, you have to go out and meet them." -Westheimer
-Kathleen





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Jess Fu



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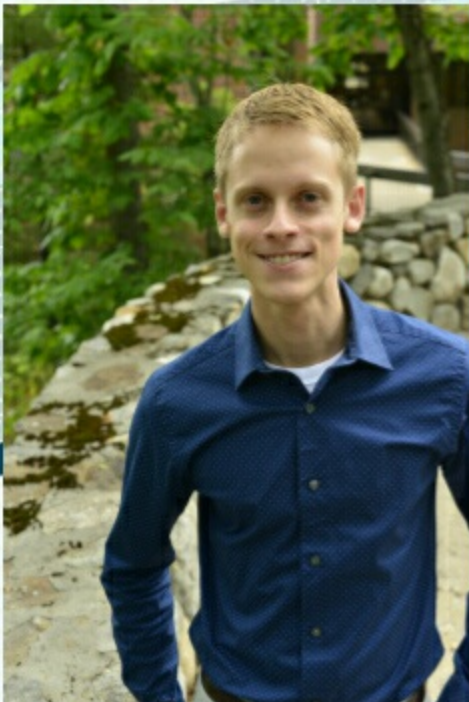


Fiona Zhang



Luke's Advisees

"It's the questions we can't answer
that teach us the most." -Kvothe
-Luke





Jerry Chen



Maggie Deng



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Doreen Guan



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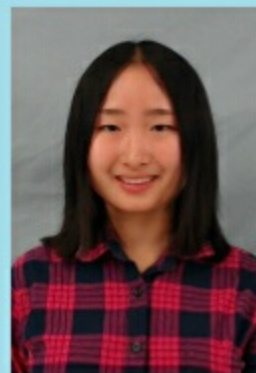
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Frank Yan



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Cassie Zhang



Harley Ruilin



Kevin Zhang



Sandy Zhang



Brandon Zheng



Gary Zhou



Matt Zhu



Sam's Advisees

Congratulations on your imminent matriculation at your campuses! Your diligence and commitment to your studies over the past months have been commendable, and you all now have the English skills to show for it. Don't let those skills go to waste! Use them as often as you can! Many of you will likely feel the urge to continue sharing rooms, eating meals, socializing, and doing assignments exclusively with your fellow Chinese. This approach is certainly the most comfortable, but it also may restrict your growth as a student and as a person. Domestic students will make up the vast majority of your classmates, and can be a tremendous educational and cultural resource for you. Talk to them! Some of them might actually turn out to be pretty cool.

(Steps down from soapbox)

Best of luck to all of you on this next step of your journey. May the next four years be the best of your life so far.

-Sam





Bob Bao



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Finn Chen



Shawn Chen



Victoria Chen



Maggie Chi



Adam He



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Kevin Jia



Charlotte Li



Edward Li



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Allen Shao





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Sharon Shi



Hiko Song



Bryan Wang



Cheryl Wang



Ray Xie



David Xu



Harry Zhang



Iris Zhang



Tiger Zhang



Will's Advisees

I'm proud of all of the hard work that you have accomplished at MAIA and I know that you will continue to excel in the future. There will be good days and difficult days ahead, but remember that this is the most exciting time of your lives -- enjoy every moment and new experience!

-Will





Charles Feng



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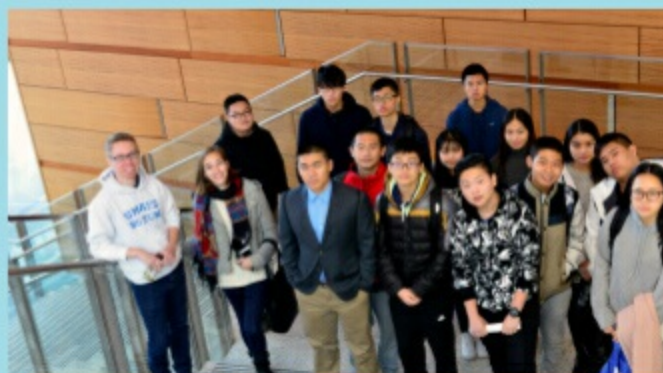
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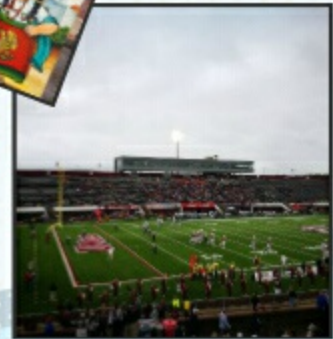


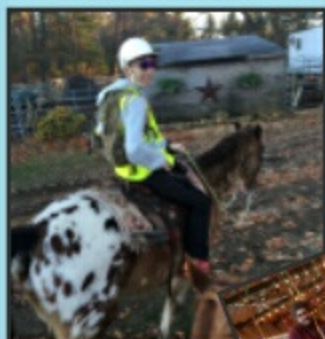
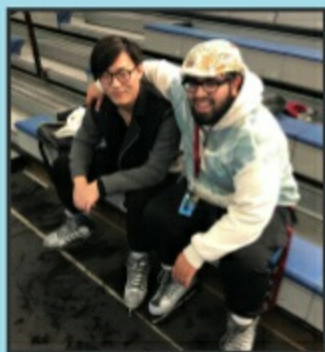
Joyce Zhu



Thomas Zhu

Field Trips @ MAIA





Clubs @ MAIA

health english
ultimate frisbee volunteer
film student
badminton soccer outdoor club
adventure conversation
government basketball



Events @ MAIA

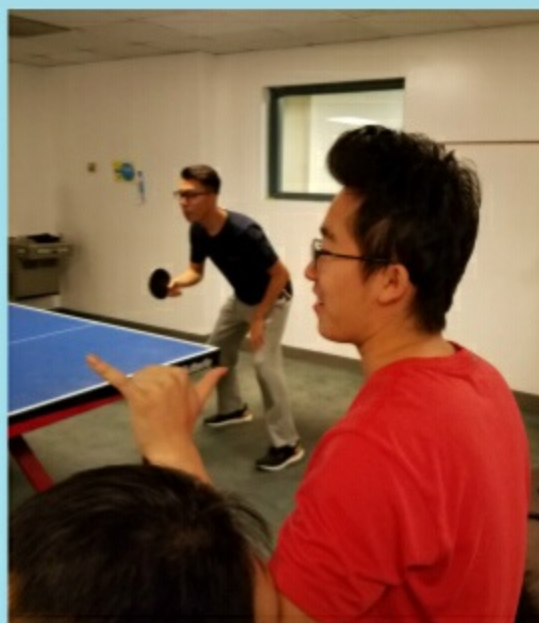


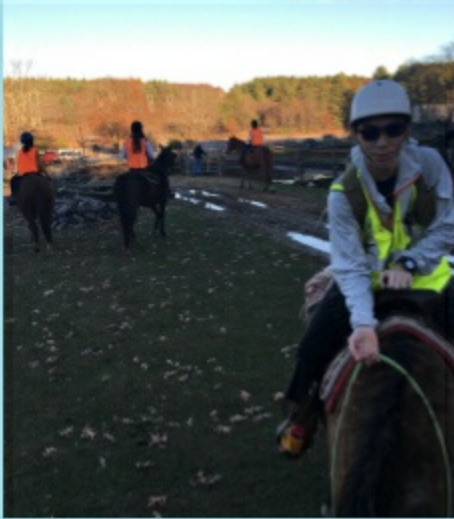
The Presidential Debate Watch Party was a fun event for all!



Students enjoy game night at MAIA!







Creative Writing @ MAIA

Fragment 31

by Sappho (Greek poet, 641 B. C.)
Translated by Lesley Tan

He seems to enjoy God-like status in my heart

Whoever sits facing you
Who listens closely to your luscious speaking
And intoxicating laughter.
My heart is thudding against my ribcage.
The moment I gaze at you
I become inarticulate.
My tongue is tied in a knot.
Blazing fire under my skin courses through my flesh.
Darkness permeates my sight.
What I hear is thunderous noise.
Breaking out in brimming cold sweats,
I'm struck by a shiver.
Anemic as moribund grasses,
It seems that life is just bleeding out of me.

A Gift for Wang Lun

by Li Bai (Chinese poet, Tang Dynasty)
Translated by Walker Wu

It's time that I must set sail and leave.
Suddenly, I hear a song from the shore.
The Peach Blossom Pool is thousands of meters deep
but it's also too shallow to compare
with the friendship between Wang Lun and me.

Fragment 31

by Sappho (Greek poet, 641 B. C.)
Translated by Steven Zhang

Almost equivalent to the Gods for me
is the man who is talking face to face
with you,
sitting closely, listening to your sweet whisper.

My heart feels like flying away from my chest
-- your laughter is like the songs of Sirens.
Even a moment, when I'm looking at you
although I have thousands of words, I can't speak.

I am tongue-tied,
fire is racing under my skin.
My eyes are filled with darkness and fear,
thunders are roaring in my ears.

Cold sweat flows all over my body,
trembling seizes me.
What a violent sense of envy!
As for me, my life is almost lost.



Dear Lesley

original poem by David Li

Dear Lesley,
 Today you look like a snowflake, elegant and delicate.
 Why does God hide paradise in your eyes?
 Your mellifluous voice intoxicates me.
 If you don't believe me, ease your pace.
 If the moon casts its light,
 If the breeze cuddles the flowers,
 If ripples quiver across the surface of the pool,
 They all testify my words.
 Every bird flies in the direction of freedom,
 And you too, someday will soar in your life.
 Do you ever think about death?
 Flowers always flourish when spring returns,
 Beauty must ebb and fade as time goes by.
 When spring returns next year, don't be sentimental
 with the past.
 And when the drizzle begins to dance on the palm of
 your hand,
 May the iridescent rainbow always find you.

Dear Grandpa

original poem by Wilson Guo

Today you look the same as you were in my mind.
 Though your laughter is dimmed,
 Your smiling face is a seal in my soul.
 If you don't believe me,
 You should come and talk to me in my dream.
 Every bird flies in the direction of the end of the day,
 And you too were raptured to heaven.
 Have you ever thought about what Shakyamuni looks like?

The supermoon the other night looked like a moon cake,
 And that's your favorite.
 When you enjoy the moonlight,
 I hope there are some moon cakes around you.

When Spring returns next year,
 You don't need to hesitate for the moment of parting.
 You used to sleep all day long in the springtime,
 But remember, you may miss the leisure morning to be with me.
 And when the gentle rain begins to talk like your edification,
 I will always pay attention.

By the way,
 You will never need to worry about your grandchild's life abroad.
 Now he is stronger than that little boy you knew,
 And he is matured, enough to overcome any snag.
 This is not the only thing that I want to tell you,
 But would it be the same if I see you in heaven?

Dear Soldiers

original poem by Finn Chen

Today you look like iron,
 Your eyes' expression is the enemies' nightmare
 Even though you are your parents' ordinary children,
 Defending the motherland is in your mind.
 If you don't believe me, you should ask the people
 behind you.
 Every eagle flies in the direction of the barracks.
 And you too someday will sacrifice or retire.
 Do you ever think about if we didn't have you?
 The super moon the other night was a reminder that
 you miss your family.
 But the gun, in your hand, also is a signal which
 reminds you you're a soldier.
 I hope it didn't make you sad or hurt you too much,
 If you remember your family, your comrades are now
 your family.
 But remember, no one can forget your glory.
 When spring returns next year, the war may break
 out,
 And when the first rain begins, you might fall down
 from the enemy's bullet
 Talking like an elegy.
 I will always remember you, and you will never leave
 us,
 Because the motherland has been traded off with
 your hot blood.

Dear, Ms. Unknown

Original poem by Tom Tan

Today, you look like a stunner as always.
 Your body is curvy,
 But your reddish face is baby-fat kind.
 If you don't believe, you should believe me.

Every bird flies in the direction of your room windows.
 And you too someday will fly, away from me.
 Do you ever think about that? Away from me?

You said the super moon the other night looked like
 a basketball that I played with because
 you liked the way how I played,
 But I don't play anymore.

I hope it didn't bother or irritate you too much.
 If you don't feel irritated or bothersome,
 You shall keep reading this poetry-like confession.

And do remember, I can still interest you
 Because of my unparalleled intelligence.
 When Spring returns next year,
 Let us hope it doesn't come too early.

And when the boundless rain begins to sing your favorite
 melody,
 I will always be beside you,
 And you will be beside me, too.
 This is how we screwed up,
 As the Chinese idiom says, "Distance engenders beauty."

Appreciation @ MAIA

"I appreciate a lot of things. For example, all of the SAs are warm-hearted and help us a lot. They always have events, which I find helpful." -Boby

"I appreciate Mr. Petrelli." -Wilson

"I love the environment, especially the dorms." - Olivia

"I appreciate education." - Tony Ye

"I have a single room. It has more space." -Paz

"I appreciate my teacher's teaching style." -Tony Yuan

"Teachers are very nice, and they always give students helpful suggestions." Jessica S.

"Teacher's patience." -Frank L.


"I like the courses schedule." -Julia





Friends @ MAIA

(Signatures and Notes)



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Thank You for an Amazing Semester!

