



life@MAIA

2015

Massachusetts International Academy



Fall 2015

Mission Statement

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

Massachusetts International Academy supports post-secondary 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. These programs encourage students to be engaged participants in future academic study in the United States.

Messages from Student Services

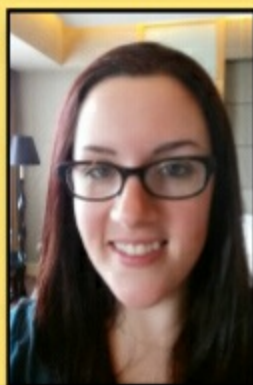


"I am so proud of all of you for everything you have accomplished! Not only has your English improved, but you have danced at the Halloween party, learned how to make sushi, gone apple picking, cheered at a Celtics game, explored New York City, withstood Black Friday shopping and so much more. You are now at one of the most exciting parts of your life. As you enter into your University years I encourage you to just jump in head first. As Dr. Seuss says, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." Good luck MAIA graduates and remember you always have a home here!"

Jessica Miller, Coordinator of Student Programs

"Class of Fall 2015, Congratulations on finishing MAIA! You all have worked so hard here but do not let that just end here. Please carry this hardworking mentality into your university and into your life. I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year in your university."

Charmaine Francis, Coordinator of Student Affairs



"Congratulations MAIA Winter 2015 Class! You are about to begin another step in your journey and this is your time, your time to decide who you are and what you will do. This quote has helped guide me and I hope it will guide you as well:

"Your time is limited so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become." - Steve Jobs"

Meredith Vasquez, Vice President of Operations

"Go have an adventure."

Brodie Henry, Academic Advising Coordinator



teachers@MAIA

Kristen Brown
Kristen Forrelli
Ani Gijka
Bob Grady



James Hughes
Eden Kaiser
Sara Khanzadi
Paul Kimball



Rebecca Lawrence
Lorraine Martin
Daniel McCarthy
Mareika McLaughlin



Katherine Murphy
Virginia Parra
Meridith Paterson
Dan Petrelli



Judith Walz
Theron Willis
Summer Xie
Dongming Yang



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!

"The flower that blooms in adversity is the most rare and beautiful of all."

-Mulan



Ally's Advisees

I want to leave you with a few quotes that I wish I would have been told before I went to college. Remember, I am so proud of all of you and for everything that you have achieved at MAIA. Keep reaching for your dreams.

“Don’t be afraid to fail... Follow your dreams and enjoy each moment, even the bumps in the road. Those bumps will make the best stories to share down the road.”

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

-Ally

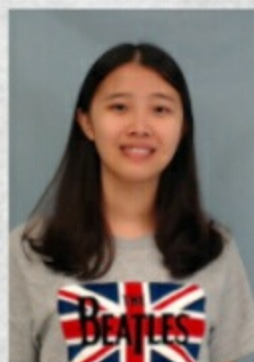




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Caleb Chen
Maxine Chen
Gavin Huang



Jim Huang
Jay Ji
Tony Ji
Barry Leng



Justin Li
Lauren Li
Lia Li
Naomi Li



Marina Ma
Allen Miao
Ellen Pan
Ken Pan



Alonso Rong
Sophia Shen
Reed Shu
Bianca Suolang

Aiden Wang
Jax Wu
Tiffany Wu
Tommy Xin



Hanna Xing
Carlos Yang
Jarvan Yu
Nick Zhang



Ronaldo Zhao
Vic Zhao
Edwin Zhu
Zoey Zou



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Audrey's Advisees

You made it. You made it through placement tests, level changes, doctor visits, TOEFL tests, roommate problems, homework assignments, and tough decisions to get here. I'm so proud of all of you. I'm so proud of how hard you've worked and how much progress you've made here at MAIA. You've all learned and grown so much, even in the time since I've known you.

It has been my pleasure to get to know you and to help you along your path to university. I hope your experiences and memories at MAIA have helped you grow academically, mentally, and emotionally. I hope your time here has given you a strong foundation for a successful future, no matter what direction you go. And I hope you'll look back at MAIA as a safe and welcoming environment that eased your transition into a new language and introduced you to a new culture.

Thank you for opening up to me and letting me be a part of your time here. Believe in yourself and your abilities, and you can do anything. I sincerely wish you success, happiness, and peace as you move on from MAIA. You'll do great out there :)

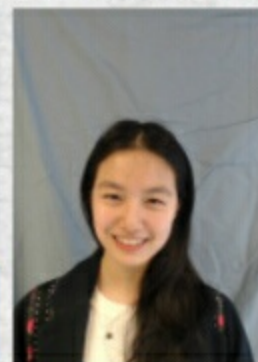
-Audrey



Ben Chen
Camilla Dai
Fiona Dai
Alex Du



Marco Fan
Andre Feng
Brooklyn Feng
Felicia Feng



Zeke He
Leila Hu
Sabrina Huang
Suzy Huang



Aaron Li
Chris Li
Michael Li
Ariel Liu



Raina Liu
Amber Lou
Jerry Ma
Martin Mei





Arnold Qi
Maggie Qing
Sandra Sun
Lexi Tan



Charles Tang
Bruce Wang
Michael Wang
Steven Wang



Jacky Wu
Cam Ye
Joseph Yu
Sky Yu



Zoe Zhou
Krysti Zhu
Teresa Zhu



Candance's Advisees

Dear my advisees,

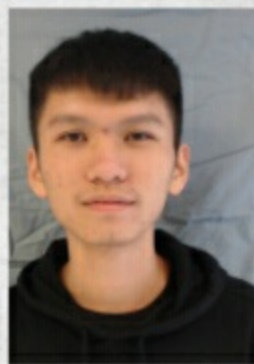
This has been a wonderful year! Thank you for all the hard work you have placed in this year both outside and inside the office. Each and every one of you has grown so much over the semester in terms of your confidence, fluency in English, and maturity. Whether you are staying in Massachusetts, going back to China, moving to another part of America, or exploring the world, I look forward to seeing you do wonderful things in the years to come! It has truly been a blessing to be your advisor--I have learnt so much from you, and appreciate the memories you have given me. Remember, the road ahead of you is long and windy, but I BELIEVE IN YOU! Keep your chin up! <3

Sincerely yours,
SA Candance :)

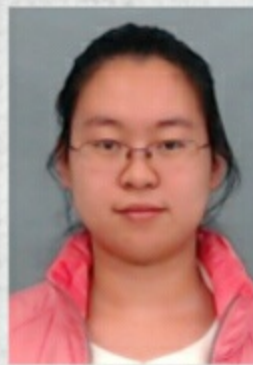




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Chris Chen
Garfield Chen
Leon Chen



Lucas Chen
Mindy Chen
Elliot Cheng
Bethany Di



Artemis Dou
Chelsea Gong
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David Huang



Derrick Huang
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Cherry-Jane Li



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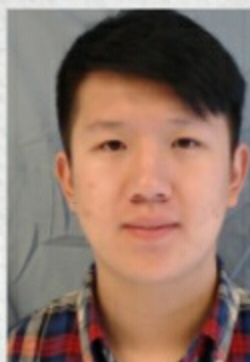
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Sue Luo
Lex Qiu



Dino Shen
Dominic Song
Coco Wang
Victoria Wang



Caesar Wu
Darren Wu
Mark Xiang
Andy Yuan



John Zeng
Pisces Zhang
Ryan Zhang



Kathleen's Advisees

To all my wonderful advisees:

Congratulations- you did it! You all have worked so hard to get where you are today. What you have accomplished is very impressive and I'm so proud! I feel so lucky to have gotten a chance to work with all of you. Thank you for sharing little pieces of your journeys with me- you all never cease to amaze me as you continue to follow your passions to university. No matter how difficult things may get in the future remember there are many MAIA staff, teachers and SA's (especially this SA) who believe in you! When you get to university- get involved any way you can. It will make your transition so much easier. Join clubs, try an activity you have never tried before, don't be afraid to ask questions and remember it is okay to make mistakes as long as you learn from them. I'll leave you with this quote that I think applies to everyone:

"Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom." -Oprah Winfrey

Your education may have ended here at MAIA- but it is just beginning at your universities and I know you will continue on to do amazing things. Get out there and keep unlocking more of the world- good luck! :)

SA Kathleen



Lucy Cai
Jordan Chen
Martin Cheng
David Dai



Seth Dai
Cody Deng
Chris Fang
Abby Gong



Anna Gu
Sissi Guo
Oliver Huo
Andrew Jiang



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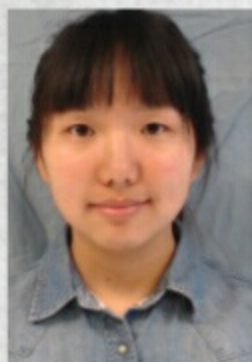




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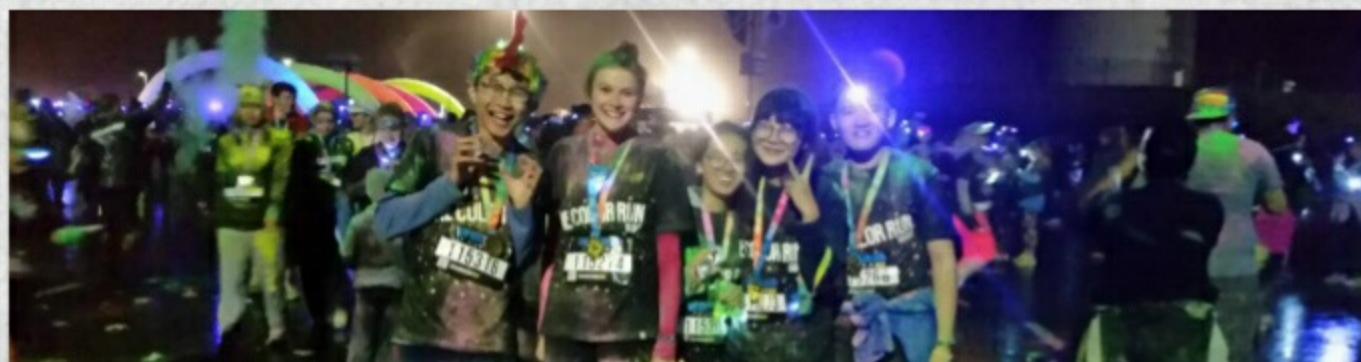
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Luke Xing
Cici Xu
Jean Xu



Carson Zhang
Carl Zhao
Joe Zhao
Gary Zhou



Liz's Advisees

Dear advisees,

I appreciate all of your courage, hard work, and dedication during your journey of learning English and adapting to a new culture. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and learning about your adventures and travels. I wish all of you the best of luck during your life at university. Please take care and I hope our paths cross again!

Sincerely,

Your advisor, Liz Feliciano





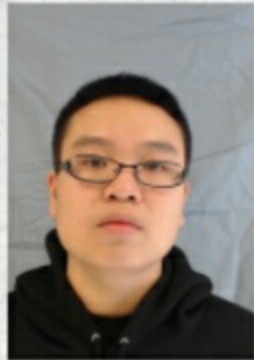
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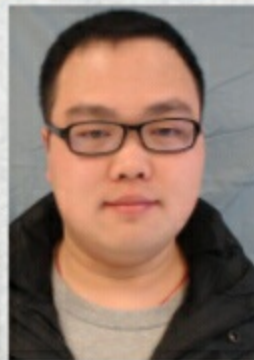
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George Peng
Venus Song

Daniel Wang
Melody Wang
Murphy Wang
Anki Wu



Leon Wu
Morty Wu
Sawyer Wu
Tina Xie



Stephanie Xu
Neo Xuan
Liam Yang
Danny Zhang



Johnson Zhao
Maurice Zhu
Joey Zhuang
Emily Zhuo



Lynn's Advisees

I am proud of you for embarking on such an exhilarating journey at a young age, and I hope that you have had a meaningful experience in the U.S.

Academic life beyond MAIA can be difficult at the beginning but I am confident as long as you are courageous enough, you will be able to adapt and blend in well. Hopefully, the relationships you established with your teachers, SAs and friends have enriched your life, and you are always welcome to come back and revisit the beautiful memories here at MAIA.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations for your achievement in the past semester and good luck on your future endeavors!

-Lynn



Jalen Chen
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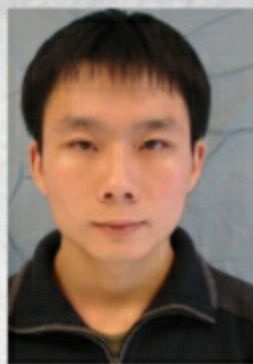


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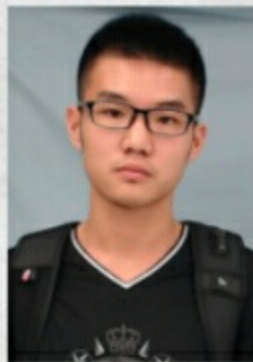


Zarina Li
Summer Lin
Eric Ling
George Lu





Josh Lu
Jerry Miao
Frank Sun
Simon Wang



Victory Wei
Ace Wu
Brock Wu
Elias Wu



Rocky Wu
Michael Yan
Anna Yu
Kenny Zhang



Ken Zhong



Sam's Advisees

Congratulations on your imminent matriculation at UMASS 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 your life so far.

-Sam





Peter Deng
Winny Deng
August Ding
William Dong



Gladys He
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Cathy Hu
Tom Jiang



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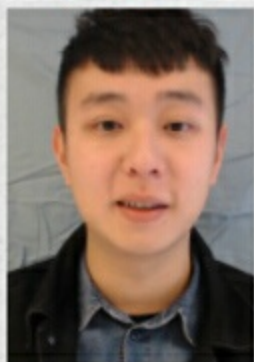


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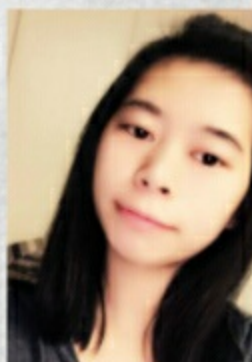
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Derek Xu



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Andy Yang
Loyee Yao
Gordon Ye



Elaine Zhang
Reily Zhang
Stan Zhou
Andy Zhu



Will's Advisees

Dear Advisees,

It has been a pleasure getting to know you over these past few months! I know that you have all worked extremely hard to get to this point and are eager to leave MAIA for UMB. I hope that you will remember the good times you've had at MAIA and carry these memories with you as you start a new chapter in your lives.

Congratulations and good luck!

-William



Trina Cai
 Aaron Cao
 Franklin Chen
 Jason Chen



Max Chen
 Richard Chen
 Shelley Chen
 Melanie Cheng



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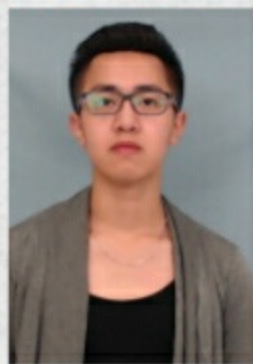


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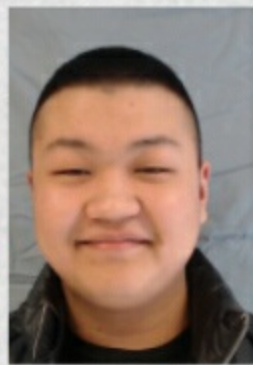




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Sean Sun
Malik Wang



Paul Wang
Tyler Wang
Charlie Xu
Damien Xue



Nicolas Zhang
Thomas Zhang
Justin Zhong



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Bedford
High School
field trip



Reality Fair at
Marlborough
High School



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Running Club



Volunteer Club



Climbing Club



events@MAIA





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appreciation@MAIA

"Thanks for all teacher and SA." - Zoey

"Thanks to all the people ever helped me. Thank you Audrey, thank you teachers, thank you Morena and all the staff!" - Amber

"Thanks for all MAIA staff." - Jerry

"Thanks for my friends, especially Zeke, Aaron, Murphy, Caleb, and Josh." - Cici

"Jerry, thank you so much to show me interesting things, nice to meet you, really." - Lucy

"Thanks my SA, she name is Ally." - Carlos

"Thanks all teachers and SAs and SGA!!!" - Ray

"Thank you to Mr Bob, not just for teaching me English. He taught me to interact better with other students and teachers." - Stan

"Thanks for the housekeeping, even I don't know your name." - Zeke

"Thank you all you guys." - Aiden

"Thanks for all of our teachers!!!" - Luke

"I'd love to say thank you to all MAIA staffs and my wonderful SA Candance :)" - David

"Thank you to Mr. Petrelli, taught me guitar and encouraged me." - Stan

"Thanks for all of our teachers and clean lady!" - Rocky & George

"MAIA staff thank you help." - Michael

"Thanks for MAIA."

Thank you MAIA staff!



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(Signatures and notes)



Thank you!