

TEACHERS OF CRITICAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

April Highlights

Yousef Al-Naimat continues to enjoy his placement in Chicago and the diversity with which he interacts in a school that is 90% Hispanic and in an apartment within a Jewish neighborhood. He has developed a strong relationship with his mentor teacher and assumed lead teaching roles for Arabic I and II.



Tao Wang's successful teaching and outreach was profiled in a Shawnee Mission School District video segment that highlights notable monthly achievements. At an Open House at Dorothy Moody Elementary School, students and parents were effusive in their praise of her, and they presented her with a quilt on which each of her 100 students wrote something in Chinese or about China that she had taught them.



Yanping Yan built off the momentum and successes generated from her students' late March field trip to Chicago's Chinatown. She and her mentor teacher are currently completing the 22 chapter "Teaching Chinese in American Ways" teaching resource that offers an array of lesson plans and student-centered activities.



Lijian Yang has intensified his classes' active nature by integrating studies of Chinese poetry with video reinforcement. He will attend the AP Chinese Workshop and the International Conference on Teaching Chinese in May.



Yongmin won second place in the My American Experience essay contest for his paper describing his interdisciplinary teaching successes, and he is currently working on consolidating his curriculum so it can be replicated in future years.



Yongmin Zhang served as a liaison between the group of 24 teachers from Palos Verdes Unified School District and the Chinese community on their successful two week trip to China. Highlights included a tour of his school in Shanghai and seeing the Great Wall of China and the Forbidden City.



Xuanhua Fang adapts her lessons' implementation based on her students' interests. She is currently working on a June tour of her school by a cohort of Connecticut principals which she will guide.



The parents of one of Ping Liang's students wrote a glowing letter of praise of her teaching and the effect it has had on her daughter. Several of her students received awards at her school's Honors Day.

