China 1+2+1

China 1+2+1 Holiday Tea Party

Please join us to say farewell to our students who have finished their time here at Mason! Take a break before exams for some food and entertainment!

Friday, Dec. 7th @ 3-5 pm
George’s, 3rd fl. Johnson Center

Xiaoxiao Zhang, one of our two China 1+2+1 interns this semester, is in her second year here. Xiaoxiao helps us with various office projects. Right now she is compiling information about all of Mason’s China 1+2+1 alumni. Two things you may not know about Xiaoxiao: she has a turtle named Cash and she likes to sing in the shower!

Praise for the China 1+2+1 Program

Mason signed agreements with five Chinese university partners in 2004, and the first 16 students came to Mason in August 2005. Eight years later, the China 1+2+1 program is now Mason’s largest dual degree program. A total of 263 Chinese students have come through this program. Be sure to read what is being said about our program on campus on Mason’s home page and the Provost’s blog!

http://about.gmu.edu/popular-dual-degree-program-brings-many-chinese-students-to-mason/,
http://provostblog.gmu.edu/archives/1116,
http://about.gmu.edu/mason-students/.
Travel Plans — Important Reminders

Are you planning to travel in the US over winter break? Or go home or to Mexico? If you plan to travel, please remember to tell Diane where you are going, and always bring your insurance card in case of an emergency. All 1+2+1 students who plan to travel outside of the United States must bring their DS-2019 form to OIPS for endorsement before they go. Also, please check your entry visa before leaving the U.S. to see whether it will need to be renewed. If it does need to be renewed, please ask Lisa O’Hara (lohara4@gmu.edu) to write a visa extension letter for you. You should verify your visa expiration date and the number of entries on your visa before making travel plans. (There is an “Automatic Revalidation of U.S. Entry Visa” for F and J students who travel to Canada and Mexico.) Please go to OIPS for advising if you are unsure of the visa renewal process or expecting visa renewal difficulties. To re-enter the United State after a trip, students will need a valid passport with a valid visa, and a valid DS-2019, endorsed by your international student advisor. For more information, read the Travel and Visa Renewals Fact Sheet on Blackboard.

Hungry for Chinese Food? Tips from Xiaohan Li

Meet 1+2+1 Visiting Scholar Baosheng Li, bli6@gmu.edu, associate professor in the Department of Optics Information & Technology, Hefei University of Technology (HFUT). He is being hosted by Mason’s Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic & Earth Sciences, working with Professor Long S. Chiu studying rainfall and the environment. Feel free to get in touch with him by email if you would like to meet him or ask any questions before he leaves on December 17th.

China Star (Sichuan Cuisine)
9600G Main St. Fairfax, Va 22031
703-323-8822
Note: Nearby campus!

Hunan Chinese Gourmet (Hunan Cuisine)
Fair Oaks Mall, Lower Level near Macy’s 2.
703-359-5898
Note: Recommend its noodle and Shao-Mai

Viet House (Vietnamese)
9966 Main St. Fairfax, Va 22031
703-691-0090
Note: Low price, large portions. Recommend its beef noodle.

It is generally accepted that China is tops when it comes to food. After living in the United States, you may be sick of the dull and unchangeable food on campus. Today, I am going to introduce some valuable restaurants hidden in Fairfax, waiting for your arrival. In the next newsletter, you’ll learn about some options outside of Fairfax. May the odds be always in your favor! —Xiaohan Li, 1+2+1 Student & Program Intern