



# CHINESE-AMERICAN PROFESSORS ASSOCIATION IN CONNECTICUT *NEWSLETTER*

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## INAUGURATION

The inaugural ceremony of the Chinese-American Professors Association in Connecticut (CAPA-CT) was held at the Yale West Campus Conference Center in New Haven, CT, on Saturday, March 22, 2014. About 200 Chinese American Professors from colleges and universities



across the state participated in the celebration.

## CAPA-CT EVALUATED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR CHINESE STUDENTS IN NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

Upon request from MOE scholarship program, CAPA-CT assembled a review panel which evaluated 153 applications from Ph.D. students from China studying in northeastern United States. Eight faculty members from the University of Connecticut, two from Eastern Connecticut State University, and one from Manchester Community College voluntarily offered their expertise and time to ensure high

standards for the prestigious merit scholarship. The picture below shows professors at work on Sunday, October 12, 2014, at the University of Connecticut.



## CAPA-CT IS OFFICIALLY A PUBLICALLY SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION!

It is official; the IRS has approved CAPA-CT as a publically supported organization under IRC 170(b)(A)(vi), effective March 18, 2014. Contributions to the organization will be tax deductible. Thanks to all who helped in the organization and application process. CAPA-CT will be stronger with your support.

### THE MISSION

CAPA-CT is a professional organization whose mission is to:

- Promote instructions and mutual assistance among its members;
- Foster professional exchanges with and aid to students of Chinese descent;
- Advance cultural understanding between Chinese and other ethnic groups;
- Facilitate institutional and communal exchanges between entities in Connecticut and China; and
- Provide forums for cultural, scientific and interdisciplinary conferences for its members and the larger world.



## THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE: CHINA IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

CAPA-CT held its first annual conference on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Henry Lee Institute of Forensic Science on the campus of the University of New Haven. Dr. Bette S. Bergeron gave the keynote speech on "Sino-American Partnerships in Higher Education: A Western Perspective." Consul General of China in New York, Ambassador Zhang Qiyue, was the luncheon speaker. Over thirty panel sessions and individual papers were presented at the conference. Among them were three papers written by senior English majors Eastern Connecticut State University. Dr. Henry Lee made it to the conference in the closing hour directly from a trip to China and inspired the conference's participants with a spirited talk, in his capacity as the association's advisor.



AN IMAGE OF THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA.



MARIE KELLY '15 AND ASHLYN HART '17, ENGLISH STUDENTS FROM EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY AND STUDENTS OF DR. JIAN-ZHONG LIN, ARE PICTURED WITH DR. HENRY LEE. NOT PICTURED: CHERIE GREEN '15.



ASHLYN HART, A STUDENT PRESENTER, IS PICTURED WITH HER MOTHER, GRANDFATHER, AND AMBASSADOR ZHANG QIYUE, THE CONSUL GENERAL OF PEOPLE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN NEW YORK.

### GANSU TRIP

From May 24-30 2015, 10 professors from CAPA-CT visited six universities in Gansu. The professors gave over 30 lectures to local faculty and students; the most attended session saw an audience of over 500 people. Several members of the delegations entered into agreements with Gansu universities for future projects.

