

Charles E. Shea Senior High School

→ Hospitality and Tourism Academy



China Bound

December 16, 2009 ~ 118 Days until our April 14, 2010 departure!

→ *We're Getting There...*

Yesterday was an exciting day for the Hospitality and Tourism Academy and our ten China travelers; yesterday we put a deposit down on our airline tickets! Although we have been working very hard to fundraise for this trip, we are still shy about \$13,000. If you have any corporate connections or know of any grants, please pass on your contacts to Dr. Lord or Mrs. Cipriano. Please read on for other ways you can assist in our fundraising efforts, but first...

→ *Meet the China Travelers*

Ten Shea students were chosen for their commitment to this trip, academic standing, and character. Below, you will find their profiles. Due to a Pawtucket School District picture policy, we cannot provide the students' first and last names with their photos.



D, 11th grade, was born in Colombia and speaks English and Spanish. Outside school he likes to read and listen to all types of music. In China he hopes to learn more about the culture, experience how this communist country is governed and, of course, try the food!



D, 12th grade, loves to spend time with her family. She looks forward to experiencing Chinese customs.



T, 11th grade advanced placement, writes "when I'm not in school I like to spend my time with friends or family. No matter what I'm doing, I'm always very active. I'm an average girl who loves to shop!" T speaks Creole at home and Spanish at school. She is looking forward to this once in a lifetime chance. She has never been on a plane or out of the country.



S, 12th grade, loves to dance. In China, she hopes to experience a new culture and learn more about Chinese education. Stephanie speaks English and Creole.



A – 12th grade, loves to travel, meet new people and explore new places. She was born in Colombia and came to America when she was nine years old. She writes, “I would love to go to China to learn about the Chinese culture and the way people live there. I’m sure it will have a huge impact on my life.”



S – 11th grade, born in New York, she likes to play sports and spend time with her family. S has traveled several times to the Dominican Republic and speaks fluent Spanish. Going to China, she believes, will be a once in a lifetime experience. She looks forward to learning more about the culture and how it works.



J, 12th grade, wants to learn more about a new culture, way of life and experience something new. Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with friends and family. J speaks English and Spanish.



H, 12th grade, plays football. He hopes to learn more about the Chinese school system. H speaks English and Creole.



C, 12th grade, aspires to become a commercial pilot after high school. Outside of school she likes to watch movies, listen to music, spend time with family, go to Civil Air Patrol, perform community service, swim, run, read and draw. C wants to go to china to experience a new culture and see how similar or different her peers live.



B, 12th grade, is of Ghanaian and Jamaican decent. She participates in indoor track, is Vice President of the Key Club, and does a lot of volunteer work. She believes her travels to China will be the highlight of her senior year.

✈ *Fundraising Efforts- all the way to the White House*

Yes, you read the heading correctly - to the White House! As you may know, President Obama recently spent some time in China. Upon his return, Dr. Lord sent off a letter pleading our plight. With his certified letter, Dr. Lord included four of our “peace” buttons (one for the President, the First Lady and one each for their daughters). We know the letter has been received by the White House. No news yet if fund for our trip has been considered, but we have our fingers crossed.

➤ *Jewelry Sale*

Are you looking for the perfect gift for a special someone that won't break your budget? A China traveler's mother kindly donated a beautiful assortment of fashion jewelry. Many of the styles can be found at Macy's and Nordstrom's for three and four times the price we are charging. Look for the jewelry Thursday (12/17) and Friday (12/18) after school in Shea's room 161 or ask Mrs. Cipriano for a private viewing.

➤ *Button Sales*

To help generate funds for this trip, we have secured a one-inch (about the size of a quarter) button making machine. The China travelers have created many different buttons, including "I love Shea," "Shea Raiders," "peace" in Chinese, buttons for each class, and all the letters in the alphabet in different fonts and colors. Mrs. Kane suggested using the alphabet buttons to create small gifts or stocking stuffers. The buttons are available for \$1.00 each in room 161 or through the China travelers. Custom buttons are available (\$5 set-up fee for under 20 like buttons); email Ms. Ludovico (ludovicod@psdir.net) for details.

➤ *How Can You Help?*

- Donate! Please send a check (made out to "Shea High School" with "China Trip" in the memo) to Dr. Lord, Principal, Shea High School, 485 East Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860. Many thanks to a teacher from Baldwin who generously donated \$200 and her time. She will be sharing her own China experiences with our travelers!
- Buy buttons! Help our students raise spending money by purchasing buttons from them.
- Send any fundraising contacts you might have to Mrs. Cipriano at ciprianos@psdri.net
- Forward this news flash to anyone you think might be interested and/or able to contribute to our trip.

➤ *Contacts*

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