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THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE OF N.Y., INC.

**CCCNYSummer High
School Internship
2018 Newsletter**

Dear 2018 High School Interns,

We wholeheartedly congratulate you all on completing the 2018 Youth Summer Internship. It was our pleasure to get to know and work with all of you this summer. We know how difficult it must have been to wake up early to get to work on time and work for 7 hours every day while your peers were sleeping in late and having fun. For that alone we commend you. But not only did you commit so much of your time during your two-month break; you also put forth your best efforts. We could tell that every single one of you were highly committed to not only growing and learning, but also to the success of the Chamber. We truly appreciate and thank you for the time and effort all of you put in this summer.

We hope that you walk away from this internship with improved leadership, professional, and interpersonal skills and a newfound sense of purpose. We trust that the invaluable experience you gained from working in a demanding yet nurturing environment will aid you in all future endeavors and for the rest of your life. We hope that you will all come back to the Chamber during the upcoming school year and for next summer's internship, or even just to visit us.

Sincerely,

Ho Kew Lee
Chairman

Kenny Leung
Vice Chairman

Justin Yu
Executive Director

Harvard Tang
President

Preface

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce of New York (CCCNY) was created in 1932 to reach out to and serve the Chinese business community by promoting and supporting its expansion and progress. CCCNY not only extends its hands outwards to encourage international trade but also does so inwards to solve business problems of its own members.

CCCNY also strongly believes in the old adage: the children of today are the leaders of tomorrow. That is why every year we organize a Youth Summer Internship Program. During the 2018 Summer Internship, we had a total of 25 interns. Our interns were provided with opportunities to nourish and develop their leadership abilities in an environment mirroring the real world. This year, the interns were separated into the following teams: the Civic Advocacy Team, API Career Fair Team, IEH Fair Team, Caregiver Talent Show Team, Fundraising Team and Management Office Team.

The Civic Advocacy Team had Jian Jin Chen, Randy Huynh, and Leo Xu with help from Charlotte and Kate. The Civic Advocacy Team led a campaign to show opposition against the A.10427-A bill regarding the removal of the SHSAT. During their time, they drafted letters, emails and contacted many government officials including Governor Andrew Cuomo, all 150 New York State Assembly Members, all 51 New York City council members, the 5 borough presidents. They were successful in their endeavors, and the bill was tabled for discussion in the Assembly for next year due to strong opposition in the communities. They also hosted a small press conference to raise awareness and informed the Asian American Community about this bill. The team

The API Career Fair Team had Yu Cong Tan, Laurie Wang, Stanley Wong, and Joan Xiao. The API Career Fair Team was in charge of organizing the Asian-Pacific Islander Career Fair. During their time, they worked in outreach and contacted many companies by EMail, letter, by phone, and a press conference. They were successful in organizing the Career Fair on the 12th of August, More than a thousand people showed up and sought jobs. Many of the participants in the Career fair were happy with how it turned out.

Brandon Huang, Kevin Luo, Calvin Chan and Cliff Chang were part of the Caregiver Talent Show. These young talented men put together a terrific Talent Show Series that brought the caregivers of the Chinatown Community together. These 4 helped organize a fantastic finale to the Caregiver Talent show during which 400 people came to see.

Jacky Chen, Qiong Zhou Huang and WeiZhan Xie were originally part of the Management Office Team. Their team was in charge of managing the Management office and clearing out the basement of old record files. After they were done with that, they began to organize a mini Job Fair for the Allure Group. The Job fair was hosted on the 26th of August and was a success. The sponsor was happy with the turnout and the team did a great job on both their projects.

The Fundraising Dinner Team consisted of Charlotte Yee, Kate Shen, and Jennifer Zeng. Their team was in charge of organizing the 2018 Benefit Fundraising Dinner. They drafted emails and letters and designed the digital invitation before sending them out to thousands of people to ask for sponsorship of the dinner. They also sent invitations to notable business leaders to serve on the first-ever Benefit Advisory Committee and were very successful, exceeding Justin's goal of 10 members. They look forward to continuing their work and seeing it all pay off on November 30th.

Yong Hao Liu, Kevin Qiu, Shangli Chen, Samuel Chen worked hard throughout the summer to organize the annual IEH career fair. They contacted many companies and went over their goal of getting 30 companies, they made phone calls, wrote emails and sent letters. Their event will be the last event for this summer. They will soon see the fruits of their efforts.

Acknowledgements

At the CCCNY, we interns were given opportunities to learn new things and gain experiences and skills that will be helpful in life. We would like to thank Bernard Stoecklein and Centers Plan for Healthy Living for sponsoring us and making this amazing summer possible. We would also like to thank Justin for being there to support us and for giving us guidance, helping to ensure that the internship ran smoothly. We also acknowledge all our Friday workshop speakers - people who encouraged us to work harder and taught us meaningful life lessons. We'd also like to thank the following people for supporting us: Wendy Huang, Jason Qi, Rachel Lo, Kenneth Hoe, Joanna Zeng, and Kexin Zheng. They were there to guide us when we needed it and because of them, we had a great time at this internship and we were able to find success in all our endeavors.

Sincerely,
2018 Chinese Chamber of Commerce of New York High School Interns



Jian Jin Chen (JJ)
Jia Jun Chen (Jacky)
Shangli Chen
Samuel Chen
Brandon Huang
Laurie Wang
Randy Huynh
Yong Hao Liu
Kevin Luo
Kevin Qiu
Kate Shen
Yu Cong Tan
Simon Tsui

Stanley Wong
Joan Xiao
WeiZhan Xie
Leo Xu
Charlotte Yee
Jennifer Zeng
Calvin Chan

Welcoming the incoming HS Interns

Volunteers: Iven Zheng, Cliff Chang, Zhirou Cui(Karen) , William Lin , Lan Lin Xiang,

Pictures



The Elderly Artwork show.



At the Lee Family Association



Meeting Buzzy and talking about Make Your Bed



Touring the Chinese School



API Career Fair



APAPA Interns Graduation



IEH Press

Conference



Global Bank Workshop Friday Discussion



Friday Workshop with Lawyer Timothy Wong



Scott Stringer Rally for Speed Cameras near schools

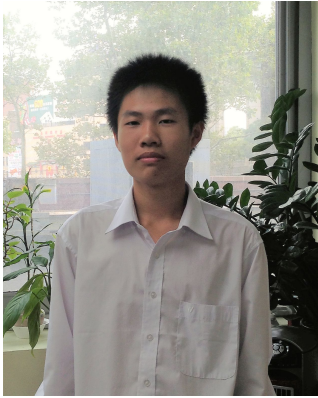


Civic Advocacy Press Conference on the SHSAT bill



At the summer high school interns' graduation

Meet the Interns



Name: Jian Jin Chen

High School: Millennium High School

Grade: Rising Sophomore

I have been in this internship for two years and each year I learn many new things such as this year, I learn how to be successful in life and how to communicate with other people. I thought that I would not learn anything new returning here, but I was proven wrong by the guest speakers that came every Friday. They inspired me to work hard to achieve my dreams and give me valuable life lesson to remember. The new interns that with me are wonderful and make the internship experience better without them the internship might have not been that great. I am incredibly thankful for the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for giving me the opportunity to be their intern again. Also, I would like to thank the guest speakers that took the time to speak to us as they change us all for the better. Finally, I would like give my thanks to my fellow interns as they are amazing to work with and I hope that I get to work with them again.



Name: Randy Huynh

High School: Millennium High School Manhattan

Grade: Rising Sophomore

Attitude, Respect, and Leadership™. These are the three things that this internship has helped me improve. From our first and second workshops with Buzzy, I learned about keeping a positive attitude and going to work every day with a smile and saying “Good Morning” to Justin as soon as I came in. Respect for everyone in the workplace was important. I am grateful to have worked with such a supportive and friendly group of people that made work something that was worth going to every day. Leadership was a big part of this internship. You had to take responsibility for your project and meet deadlines. When I hosted my press conference, there wasn’t an adult in charge. It was just me and my fellow interns. The press conference went well and I’m very proud of it. This internship program has allowed me to mature in many ways and it is way better than staying at home doing nothing. I’m very glad to spend my summer in this internship.





Name: ShangLi Chen
High School: FDR High School
Grade: Rising Sophomore

I am very glad to participate in the internship program of Chinese chamber of commerce in New York. During these two months, I've done a lot of work with my colleagues and I have learned a lot of things from it. My English improved a lot by communicating with other interns in these two months and they are all very kind to me. It's hard to put it into words, but I really appreciate all the people who helped me and worked with me during my internship. It's really an honor for me to spend these two months with you guys. I believe that after this internship, I can face the future challenges and difficulties more easily and become a better person.



Name: Yu Cong Tan
High School: Millennium High School
Grade: Rising Sophomore

This internship was truly a wonderful experience for me. I got to meet with a lot of great people and each one of them had helped me grow as a person. Working at the Chinese Chamber Of Commerce allowed me to become more professional and more open to other people. Although our journeys are about to come to an end, I would like to say thanks to everyone at this internship who had gone through the same hardships as I did. Words and emotions cannot show my gratitude but I hope to work with you all again. Not as interns, but as great friends.



Name: Stanley Wong
High School: Stuyvesant High School
Grade: Rising Junior

At the beginning of this internship, I was convinced that my journey would not last or end with pleasant memories. But over the course of this grand adventure, I discovered many treasures, including the many opportunities to expand my horizons, the kind-hearted amazing people, and the unforgettable experiences. My joy cannot be expressed in terms of words, but through my actions because actions speak louder than words.. Before this internship is over, I would like to give a special thanks to the staff of the Chinese Chamber: Justin, Wendy, Jason, Kenneth, Joanna, Kexin, and all the other high school and college interns. "This is not a goodbye, but a see you later."



Name: Jacky Chen

High school: Baruch College Campus High School

Grade: Rising Sophomore

Shyness is a trait that is inherent in a lot of Asian Americans and I came to this internship in hopes of overcoming that obstacle. This program really sets the stage for you to work to the best of your ability and helps you become more mature as more responsibilities are placed upon you. In this internship, I am eternally grateful for all the help the Chamber had provided because I am able to break out of that shell and meet many amazing people who helped me through this journey. Once again, I would like to thank all the staffs in the Chamber responsible for watching over me and of course, the high school interns who were with

me on this adventure.



Name: Brandon Huang

High School: Baruch College Campus High School

Grade: Rising Sophomore

When I began my internship at this program, I honestly thought it wouldn't be fun working. Everyone knows that working is tedious and stressful. However, it was my fellow co-workers who made this experience an internship joyful. I'm grateful that I met a lot of wonderful people during my time here. The work that I had done for the Chamber has expanded my working ethics and responsibilities as a young adult. This program gives teenagers an opportunity to become more mature as they prepare for their future careers. I would like to thank everyone at the Chamber who guided me through this journey and the interns for making everyday a great day.



Name: Joan Xiao

High School: Stuyvesant High School

Grade: Senior

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce gave me the ability to communicate with numerous notable people who inspired me to be as successful and as intimate with my culture as they were. I met amazing people during my time here — people who made my experience more enriched and fun. In the process of learning how to professionally write emails, reach out to companies, and organize events, I was able to slowly understand my culture in a new depth. Thank you to Buzzy, to the chamber, to Center's Plan, and to Sino American Amity for making this opportunity possible.



Name: Charlotte Yee
High School: Stuyvesant High School
Grade: Rising Junior

If you'd told me 2 months ago that interning at CCCNY would lead to one of the best summers I've ever had, I would have scoffed at you. Yet, 8 amazing weeks later, when I look back at this summer, that's exactly what it's been. I've seen myself grow immensely, both professionally and personally, and discovered a passion for helping my community. Interning here has challenged me in so many ways — from meeting new people to having to communicate in Cantonese and Mandarin to getting up on stage and commanding the attention of a hundred-plus people, this internship has forced me out of my comfort zone time and time again and I've grown a lot in the process. I'd like to thank Kenneth, Wendy, Jason, and everyone else who's helped me along the way this summer. I especially thank Justin for taking me under his wing and for creating a work environment that made me excited to go to work every day. Not many students like to wake up at 7 every day during the summer; then again, not many students have the the privilege of having this once-in-a-lifetime kind of experience.



Name: Kevin Qiu
School: Stuyvesant High School
Grade: Rising Senior

Ask yourself- What defines you? Is it your ethnicity? Your skin color? Your intelligence? Or is it a little bit of everything; a potion blended together in a cauldron?
Now let me tell you this: **nothing defines me.** I define myself. Yes, I am a firm believer of the school of thought where one's destiny is created, not given. But shaping one's destiny places a lot of power into one's hands and as Uncle Ben said "With great power comes great responsibility"
I want to thank the Chamber for teaching me to harness that power and shoulder responsibilities that others run away from. It's taught me what it means to be an Asian-American and the values that our community cherishes. It's given me such an unbelievably rich experience in such a

short span of time that it's changed me to my core. Yes, I view the Chamber as my mentor, friend, or even an Uncle Ben. But unlike Spider man, I'll be sure to make it proud.



Name: Laurie Wang

School: The Bronx High School of Science

Grade: Rising Sophomore

Take every chance you get in life because some things only happen once. This was definitely a chance that I'm glad I took. Throughout these 8 weeks I've not only learned to grow as a person but made so many great memories along the way. From early mornings to the late afternoon I was able to learn a tremendous amount, for example a simple good morning can brighten someone's mood from terrible to amazing. Every Friday we learn something new that changed me for the better and made me who I want to be in the future. Everything that I have learned here at this internship will help me through the obstacles that I will encounter in the years to come. People say the little things are what you remember the most and this is something I definitely want to remember throughout the years. I would like to thank the Chamber and all the staffs for giving me an enjoyable and meaningful time during the internship.



Name: Kevin Luo

School: Stuyvesant High School

Grade: Rising Junior

When I started this internship, I was nervous and uneasy because there were 24 other interns that I did not know. As the weeks passed by, I slowly grew closer to them, especially the people in the Caregiver Talent Show team. This internship was a very fun and educational experience. I thought I would be entering 2 months of long boring days at work making phone calls and typing up documents, but instead, I was trying to get people to enter the talent show and learned a lot about passing out flyers. I want to show my gratitude to the special people I met during this internship. I would like to thank Justin for guiding and supporting us throughout this internship. I would also like to thank Jason and Kenneth for being amazing and understanding supervisors and all the other interns who made this internship less dull and more interesting.



Name: Yong Hao Liu

School: Stuyvesant High School

Grade: Rising Senior

Good afternoon everyone, my name is Yong Hao Liu and I am a rising senior at stuyvesant high school. I am very grateful for the chamber and Chairman Lee, Vice Chairman Leung, and Justin to give me this chance and experience. There is no everlasting party in this world, everything must come to an end. The experience we gained in the chamber would stay with us for life. A good friend is the same as a good brother and good sister. Our relationship was formed in

months, but it will last for years, decades, and even centuries. Life is a journey full of hardships, the chamber gave us many unforgettable memories to help us and to support us. I would not be able to express my unique personality without the support of all my fellow interns who coped with me during our stay at the chamber. I might be a little weird, but I love you all and I believe you all love me too. Thank you.



Name: Calvin Chan
School: Brooklyn Tech
Grade: Rising Junior

Every morning I eagerly wake up to come to work at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Everyday was truly a new experience for me and I have great time working. When I first came to the Chamber I wasn't sure what to make of it. It was pretty confusing at first but as the time goes on I was able to understand and grasp the full nature of this internship. From this I was able learn many things that will help me in the future. This included speaking skills, computer skills, and flyer distribution skills. It was truly a gift to come hear and experience a lifetime event in this internship. However it would not have been like that if it wasn't for the countless people that was there to support me. From the highly helpful staff, to the ever kindly interns that support me and others, these people truly made this a wonderful experience. To all those that have help me through this internship I hope you a bright future ahead of you.



Name: Jennifer Zeng
School: Stuyvesant High School
Grade: Rising Freshman

This internship at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of New York was my first job experience. At first, I was extremely nervous that I wouldn't be able to handle the pressure of working at an organization like CCCNY for my first job. However, I was able to improve and learn while working in a welcoming atmosphere, helping me build a strong foundation for the years to come. Setting up events, such as the Benefit Fundraising Dinner, were challenging yet fun experiences taught me the importance of hard work and patience. I am grateful to all of the amazing staff, including Justin, Wendy, and Jason, as well as the interns for helping me throughout the program. The internship was truly a valuable experience that I will never forget.



Name: WeiZhan Xie
School: HSDLAS
Grade: Rising Junior

When I first came to US two years ago, I didn't know much about the language, people and culture here. I spent the whole summer at home without doing anything meaningful last year. Luckily, I found the CCCNY and I took part in the internship program this summer. At first, I was working in the management office with my friends downstairs. The work is very hard due the large number of files we need to deal with, but we still made it anyway. Then

we came back to the chamber to help prepare for the mini job fair. I made a lot of friends from this program and I really learned a lot of things during this summer. Furthermore, my english improved a lot by communicating with my friends. Thank you for spending this wonderful summer with me.



Name: Samuel Chen
School: Stuyvesant High School
Grade: Rising Sophomore

When my mom first informed me about this internship, I thought it will be boring and useless like other summer activities I had before. However, after two months of being an intern at CCCNY, I learned that I was wrong. Throughout this summer, I now understand the importance of positive mental attitude (PMA) and positive personal contact (PPC) thanks to Buzzy, one of our sponsors for the organization. I also gained confidence and learned the importance of teamwork in this internship after working with my co-interns. Finally, I would like to give thanks to Justin, who mentor me for the internship and Jason, Rachel and Kenneth for keeping this internship enjoyable.

Honorable Mentions:

Kate Shen: Kate began her internship helping the Civic Advocacy start of their campaign and helping write their letters. She then transferred to the Fundraising Dinner Organizing Team where she worked with Charlotte and Jennifer to design the invitation cover. Although her internship was cut short by unforeseen circumstances, she was a great addition to our program and interesting person.

Leo Xu: Leo was a bold, hard-working intern. Leo worked in the Civics Advocacy team with JJ and Randy. During his time here, he wrote letters about the SHSAT bill. He went to different rallies and met different elected officials. He helped out at some of the events and handed out flyers. He was a great guy. We will miss him.

Meet the Volunteers



Name: Cliff Chang
School: Xavier High School
Grade: Rising Junior

I have only been volunteering at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for a few weeks. Although my time here has been short, I have been able to learn numerous things from my supervisors, other volunteers, and the interns. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce introduced to me the experience of working in an office. Volunteering here has helped me become aware of ongoing issues in our community and the importance of informing the members of the community of the current problems. I am very thankful for everyone working at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for making my past few weeks here such an enjoyable, educational experience.



Name: Zhirou Cui
School: New Utrecht High School
Grade: Rising Junior

I am one of the volunteers in Chinese Chamber of Commerce. In this Summer Internship Program I learned a lot. During the internship we held many activities, in which I met many amazing people. They shared many interesting experience for us. Before that, we sent emails for each company and invited them to join our activities. According to this, I realize that it is important to prepare for something. I really thanks for this internship program, and I also want to thanks my group: Yong, Kevin, Shangli, and Samuel. They teached me a lot and I had a

good time here.



Name: William Lin
School: Stuyvesant High School
Grade: Rising Junior

To tell you the truth, I did not know what I was getting into when I first signed up to volunteer at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. I had no prior experience, and thought I would struggle to keep up among many other talented young people. But this opportunity has allowed me to open myself up to more people and take more chances. I have learned invaluable communication and organizational skills through helping to plan for multiple events from career fairs to talent shows. Even the workshops that were held every Friday taught me many essential lessons that I will now be able to incorporate into my everyday life. I am truly grateful to have been given this chance at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to prove myself and hone my skills.



Name: Iven Zheng
School: University Neighborhood High School
Grade: Rising Sophomore

I want to start off by thanking Justin, the staff, my fellow interns/volunteers, and my parents for encouraging me to come spend my summer here. I am really grateful for the opportunities that I have as a volunteer. When I first started this program, I was very shy and didn't know anyone.

I soon overcame my fear by engaging in conversations with my fellow peers. By helping to set up our local events and fighting for Asian American rights, I was able to develop many communication skills, typing skills, and leadership skills. I learned from Buzzy that it is always good to keep a positive attitude and personal contact, which will benefit me in the future as a more successful individual. I also learned that it is tough for Asian Americans to get the rights that we want compared to other ethnicities. This is why we, Asian American need to stand up for ourselves and come together as a community to fight for the rights we deserve. I am very thankful that I was able to spend my summer here at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and let's continue to strive to improve our future in America!

Honorable Volunteer Mentions



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