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The GW Jiangsu Cup Chinese Speech Contest is the premier Chinese language speech competition for the Greater Washington D.C. higher education community, annually welcoming student competitors from universities and colleges throughout the DMV area. Since its inception in 2011, over 300 student participants have competed for scholarships and exchange opportunities in China, including full- and partial-scholarships to study the Chinese language at Nanjing University and fully-funded tours of the beautiful Jiangsu Province.

More than simply a competition, the Jiangsu Cup is a unique international educational experience and cultural networking platform for both students and Chinese language and cultural faculty from their respective universities. The event allows teachers to explore other schools’ Chinese language pedagogy and programs while sharing research and observations with their peers. For students, the Jiangsu Cup presents an extraordinary forum to engage with fellow Chinese language and culture enthusiasts and broaden their global scholarship.

Each year the competition continues to grow to include more D.C.-area universities and colleges and offer more cultural and educational opportunities for scholars and students who recognize the value of foreign language education.
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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

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George Washington University

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Associate Dean
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Nanjing University

YU Xiaobo
虞晓波
Secretary General
Jiangsu International Cultural Exchange Center

CHARMING JIANGSU

Jiangsu Province is located along the eastern coast of China, covering an area of 102,600 square kilometers, about the same size as the state of Virginia, with a population of around 75 million. The Province has a typical monsoon climate, mild with moderate rainfall and with clear distinction between the four seasons.

Located in the beautiful and prosperous Yangtze River Delta, Jiangsu is one of the wealthiest and most developed provinces in China with a dynamic economy. It is also a province with one of the richest cultural and historical resources. Jiangsu has been a tourist paradise ever since ancient times.

16 cities in the province have been entitled "Fine Tourists Cities" in the country, including Nanjing, which served as the capital of 6 dynasties, and Suzhou, known as "Paradise on Earth". There are several UNESCO world cultural heritage sites in Jiangsu Province, such as 9 classical gardens in Suzhou, the Ming Tomb in Nanjing, and the Grand Canal.
GENERAL RULES

ABOUT THE SPONSORS

The Jiangsu International Cultural Exchange Center (JICEC)

is a nongovernmental body of Jiangsu Province established in 1985 in Nanjing, Jiangsu, for the purpose of promoting international cultural exchanges.

With the principle of adapting to the new situation of economic globalization and national reform, including "opening up to the outside world", JICEC aims at contributing to build a Jiangsu Province that will be economically prosperous, advanced in education and science, where people's lives are well-off, the legal system is strengthened and a civilized society is developed. The principle goal is to promote the mutual understanding and friendly cooperation between Jiangsu people and the world through international exchanges.

JICEC sponsors a variety of activities, such as exchange visits, seminars, artistic performances, exhibitions and lectures, which covers many different fields including economics, sports, law, science, technology and so on.

CONTESTANT ORDER

Each Contestant will be given a randomly generated number determining their order in the competition within the corresponding group before Competition Day.

BREAKOUT ROOM

While Contestants of the same proficiency level are competing, any competitor who has not yet performed will be placed in the Breakout Room. Contestants should not leave the Breakout Room or have any correspondence with their teachers or peers. Contestants will be re-admitted back to the Main Session before their presentation, and may stay there for the remainder of that round.

SPEECH

Prepared Speech: Each Contestant will deliver a Prepared Speech based on 1 of the 4 topics, and answer 1 question from 1 of the Judges (randomly generated) afterwards.

Improvised Speech: Each Contestant will randomly draw from 1 of 10 topics 5 minutes prior to delivering their Improvised Speech. They will answer 1 question by 1 of the Judges (randomly generated) afterwards.

TIMING

Contestants will begin once the Emcee signals the timer has started within each competition category. When time is up, the Contestant must stop immediately. Any presentation performed after the timer has stopped will not be counted in the final scoring.

SCORING

Judges will display scores via video after each presentation.
The **Institute for International Students (NJU)** is both an administrative body responsible for international student enrollment for Nanjing University and an academic institution conducting instruction and research mainly in Chinese language and culture, offering programs from short-term language training to M.A. degrees.

The Institute boasts a team of experienced and devoted faculty and instructors. As one of the first schools to enroll international students in mainland China, Nanjing University has hosted tens of thousands of international students from over 120 countries to date, with prominent international alumni in politics, business, academia and other fields.

The Institute has established a wide range of international cooperation with various institutions. It serves as a training site for diverse organizations such as the Chinese Department of the United Nations, the Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE), the Chinese Teaching Association of New York Area and the American National Chinese Flagship Program.
Founded in 1902, **Nanjing University** is one of the oldest and most prestigious institutions of higher learning in China. The university boasts a faculty made up of some of the most accomplished scholars in China, a large number of outstanding disciplines and many important national and provincial research platforms, as well as the most talented students. In 2016, the University was home to a total of 32,999 students, including 13,583 undergraduates, 10,865 master students, 5,335 doctoral students, and 3,216 full-time international students. At present, NJU has set up the goal of "doing the best in undergraduate education in China."

Since its founding, NJU has been among the most active universities in carrying out international communication and cooperation and has built close relationships with many first-class universities and research institutes around the world. One example is the 30-year-long Center for Chinese and American studies jointly administered with the Johns Hopkins University, China's earliest and probably most successful long-term international cooperation program in higher education.

**FINALISTS**

**Alex Hazard**
马爱仁
Sophomore
James Madison University

Alex is currently a sophomore studying International Business and Chinese Language at James Madison University. He has a deep passion for the Chinese language and always strives to refine and grow his language capabilities. Alex believes that through language and empathy for one another we can overcome all obstacles and open the gates of communication to make a better world for all of us to live in and reach our full potential.

**Stewart Lerner**
林兆文
Junior
Georgetown University

Stewart Lerner is currently a third-year student at Georgetown University, majoring in Chinese with a minor in business administration. He began studying Chinese during high school in Milwaukee, WI and continued his studies after moving to Austin, TX for his last year of high school. Stewart has traveled to, and worked in, China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong many times in the last five years. He interned at a hotel in Suzhou during high school and a hedge fund in Hong Kong two summers ago. Stewart was also able to participate in several exchange programs through his high school.
Chi Chau
邓堯之
Freshman
George Mason University

Chi Chau is a freshman at George Mason University, currently majoring in engineering and minoring in Chinese.

John Williams
韦志安
Senior
Georgetown University

John Williams has been taking Chinese for six years now, although his fascination with the Chinese language, culture, and history really blossomed at university. John is particularly interested in Chinese international relations, and how China's history and culture affects how it interacts with other nations and peoples. He also loves Chinese philosophy, having read the English translation of the Dao De Jing. One day, he hopes to use his understanding of Chinese and English to bring about previously unheard-of international cooperation.

The George Washington University, an independent academic institution chartered by the Congress of the United States in 1821, dedicates itself to furthering human well-being. The University values a dynamic, student-focused community stimulated by cultural and intellectual diversity and built upon a foundation of integrity, creativity, and openness to the exploration of new ideas.

To promote the process of lifelong learning from both global and integrative perspectives, the University provides a stimulating intellectual environment for its diverse students and faculty. By fostering excellence in teaching, The University offers outstanding learning experiences for full-time and part-time students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs in Washington, D.C., the nation, and abroad. The George Washington University draws upon the rich array of resources from the National Capital Area to enhance its educational endeavors. In return, the University, through its students, faculty, staff, and alumni, contributes talent and knowledge to improve the quality of life in metropolitan Washington, D.C.
Roark Corson
孙柔克
Junior
University of Virginia
Roark Corson is a third-year student at the University of Virginia from Virginia Beach. He is majoring in Political Philosophy, Policy, and Law and minoring in Chinese Language. He hasn't definitively decided on a career path, but is considering law school and international law. In his free time, Roark likes to swim, read all sorts of books, and hang out with his younger brother.

Alec Weiker
魏安克
Freshman
Georgetown University
Alec is a freshman at Georgetown University studying international relations and Chinese. Originally from Indianapolis, he has become very interested in Chinese language and culture and have spent time studying in Beijing and Zhuhai. Alec is also a big lover of Chinese food both as a consumer and as an amateur cook.
Meredith Peters
毕玫迪
Freshman
James Madison University

Meredith is an International Business Major at James Madison University, minoring in Spanish and Chinese. She is from Richmond, Virginia. This is her 5th year studying Chinese. In 2018, Meredith studied abroad in Chengdu for 6 weeks through the NSLI-Y scholarship. Upon returning home, she joined AFS as a volunteer in order to help other students have incredible study abroad and intercultural experiences. In her free time, Meredith like to read, workout, rock climb, spend time with her friends and family, and travel.

Matthew Mortinger
马修
Junior
James Madison University

Matthew Mortinger is a junior studying at James Madison University. He is currently majoring in International Affairs and minoring in Chinese. Matthew has studied Chinese for ten years starting in 2010.

Theo MOORE-MANAKAS
2019 Bronze Award Winner
George Washington University

A current Elliott School sophomore, Theo received a bronze award in the 2019 Jiangsu Cup. Theo heads the George Washington University chapter of Global China Connection, a student-run think tank dedicated to exploring China’s presence on the world stage. They are honored to return as host, and wishes a resounding “加油” to this year’s contestants!
Austine Jobe is a sophomore majoring in International Services, focusing on East Asia and minoring in Business Administration. She went to an immersion school starting in Pre-Kindergarten until 5th grade, and did not take any formal Mandarin classes until junior year of high school, when she took AP Mandarin. Austine has continued her studies in college and is currently taking Business Translation to further her Mandarin education and possibly for use in the future for her career.

Harry Clark is a senior at American University, studying International Relations and Chinese. He is originally from Chattanooga, Tennessee, and currently lives in Washington, D.C.
Maya Clydesdale
玫珊
Sophomore
George Washington University

Maya was born and raised in Portland Oregon. She now currently lives in Washington D.C. and studies international affairs, graphic design, and Chinese at The George Washington University. She loves the outdoors and spends most of her time hiking, snowboarding, and sailing. Maya has traveled to China twice and hopes to return in the future.

Olivia Morrison
美华
Junior
University of Virginia

Olivia Morrison is a third year at the University of Virginia double majoring in Foreign Affairs and Chinese Language and Literature. Growing up in Hong Kong and Singapore for a majority of her life, Olivia hopes she can return to Asia, but this time, work in either diplomacy or journalism. At UVA, she is on the editorial staff for the Virginia Review of Politics and is a news writer for WUVA. She thanks all of her Chinese teachers and professors over the years, especially Hsin Hsin Liang.

WANG Peng
王芃
Assistant Teaching Professor
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures
Georgetown University

In her 20+ years of teaching, Prof. Wang has taught Chinese at higher education institutions in China and the U.S., including Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University, Oberlin College, Brown University and Middlebury College Chinese School. Prof. Wang also served as Academic Director for the State Department Critical Language Scholarship Program in Shanghai., and is a certified ACTFL OPI tester.

KONG Mei
孔玫
Senior Lecturer
Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures
University of Maryland

Mei Kong is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at University of Maryland, College Park. She is also an ACTFL OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) trainer/facilitator, and an ACTFL OPI Quality Advisor. She is a certified OPI tester, a rater for ACTFL OPIc, AAPPL and WPT (Written Proficiency Test).

YU Ning
余宁
Associate Professor
Institute for International Students
Nanjing University

Prof. Yu Ning graduated with an MA from the Department of Chinese Language and Literature of Nanjing University, and has been engaged in teaching Chinese as a foreign language for over 20 years. He is currently an associate professor and Chair of the Department of Public Chinese under the Institute for International Students, Nanjing University. His main field is studies of teaching materials for Chinese language. Prof. Yu has judged several international Chinese speech and teaching competitions, including the International Chinese Teaching Contest and the 2011 Jiangsu Cup Speech Contest.
Anna is a first-year at Georgetown studying linguistics and government. She started studying Chinese in high school, and everything just fell into place! Anna's favorite Chinese holiday would probably be the Dragon Boat Festival, even though she has never seen a race in-person. Something to look forward to!

Treaux Jackson is a current junior at George Washington University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and minoring in Chinese. Since beginning his self-study of Chinese in high school, he's taken courses at KU's Confucius Institute and Stanford University and developed a love for reading Chinese newspapers. He looks to continue his studies through graduation, with plans to apply his skills in his future career, wherever that may take him.

Evan Lawing

Originally from Park City, Utah, Evan has studied Chinese since he was in the 8th grade. Evan enjoys studying Chinese because he finds the language and the culture to be very interesting. He also enjoys learning about sports in China, as he finds it interesting to compare the culture around sports in China to the culture around sports in the US. Evan hopes to be able to travel to China at some point to use his language experience and see the scenery in China.

Chris Collins is a first year graduate student at the George Washington University pursuing a master's in International Development. He holds bachelor's degrees in East Asian Studies and Environmental Policy and is currently a research assistant at the United States Institute of Peace. Chris hopes to merge his interests in Chinese language and culture with a career in international development and help facilitate collaboration in international programs.

Anna Prince

Anna Prince is a first-year at Georgetown studying linguistics and government. She started studying Chinese in high school, and everything just fell into place! Anna's favorite Chinese holiday would probably be the Dragon Boat Festival (端午节), even though she has never seen a race in-person. Something to look forward to!