



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 年度報告

2010-2011



中美國際學校  
CHINESE  
AMERICAN  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL

## MISSION STATEMENT

我們的辦校宗旨



Chinese American International School educates students for academic excellence, moral character and international perspective through immersion in American and Chinese culture and language.

通過中美語言及文化的沉浸式教育，培養具有卓越學術成就、高尚品德和國際眼光的學生。

## CAIS BY THE NUMBERS

有關中美的數字

**Founded: 1981**

Grades: Pre-K through Eighth Grade

**472: Enrollment**

**39: Graduates of Class of 2011**

**Teachers and Teaching Associates: 66**

**44: Administration and Staff**

**Student Receiving Tuition Assistance: 25%**

**Student Demographics:**

41% Asian American, 36% Multiracial, 21% Caucasian, 1% African American, 1% Hispanic



## MESSAGE FROM CAIS HEAD OF SCHOOL

校長寄語

“學而時習之，不亦悅乎”

“Is it not a pleasure to learn and then, at the appropriate time, to put what one has learned into practice?”

This is the very first line in the Confucian *Analects*, a book that lies at the foundation of Chinese culture and society. Confucius was a teacher himself, and an international one at that – he wandered from kingdom to kingdom collecting students and spreading his teachings – and the very first line of the earliest extant collection of his teachings speaks to the joy and application of learning.

I want to thank all members of the CAIS community for the generous support they have shown for our school all year. Generosity, the desire to share what is ours with others in order to benefit them, comes in many forms, but they all make our school stronger. Many of you, our community members, have chosen to be so generous with your time, talent and resources for the ultimate benefit of our students. This choice, to invest in CAIS, is consistent with a core value of Chinese culture — the importance of learning. In other words, if Confucius were your financial advisor (or life coach, or spouse), and you said to him, “There are so many worthy causes that I could choose to support, what is the worthiest?” Confucius would likely reply “Education.”

I would like to evoke Confucius’s spirit in thanking you for your support of the Chinese American International School. Your generosity is an acknowledgment of an amazing tradition as well as an exciting future for which our students will be uniquely prepared.

Best,

Jeffrey Bissell  
Head of School

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

董事長寄語

Dear Families and Friends,

The future success of our School will only be possible with the participation and commitment of all involved. Thank you for your generosity and investment in CAIS, as we head into our 30th anniversary year in 2011-2012. Our success is a reflection of your passion for the school and your desire to maintain its vibrant academic environment. This annual report documents an outstanding year of giving from the CAIS community.

Our new Head of School, Jeff Bissell, has worked tirelessly with the Board of Trustees to lay a foundation and vision for the future of CAIS. Our mission will evolve; we are setting high expectations and CAIS will play a greater role not just with educating our students, but also sharing that education experience and potential with our community and the world.

This year concludes my ninth year of service on the Board of Trustees and my third as Chair and as I reflect on the past nine years, it’s been a privilege to work with such a dedicated group of individuals, all of whom share a commitment for ensuring that CAIS educates students for academic excellence, moral character and international perspective.

On behalf of CAIS and the Board of Trustees, we are grateful and honored by the generosity and support of our students and alumni, families and friends – our community. Thank you for your commitment to CAIS.

Sincerely,

Alonso Wong  
Chair, Board of Trustees



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## SCHOOL LIFE AT CAIS

### 中美生活點滴

#### FOURTH GRADE ART EXHIBIT AT THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM

In an exhibit titled *Life Lessons*, the fourth grade class exhibited their multimedia art work at the Asian Art Museum from November, 2010 through January, 2011. The exhibition was connected to content from the Asian Art Museum's permanent collection and storytelling program. Students responded to the questions, "What is a lesson that you have learned in your life?" and "What is a value that you believe in?" and from those questions, students created multimedia art works that tell a story and answer life questions that even many adults have a hard time answering.

#### VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS SFAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Firedragon varsity girls volleyball team won the league championship against Katherine Delmar Burke School, making them the champions of the SFAL league. The team remained undefeated the entire season.

#### CHINESE NEW YEAR AT CAIS

CAIS ushered in the Year of the Rabbit with many activities, beginning with Mass Greeting in the gymnasium and culminating with our participation in the annual San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade.

#### MAYOR ED LEE SPECIAL GUEST AT CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS GREETING

The school's community-wide Mass Greeting - in which students lead in song, music and dance to celebrate the Lunar New Year - had a special visitor this year. Mayor Ed Lee paid a visit to wish the students, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff and guests of CAIS a happy New Year.

#### ASIAN ART MUSEUM PERFORMANCE

In February of 2011, students from third through eighth grade entertained the museum-going public with a performance of classical music and dance from Chinese ethnic minorities that ended with a playful lion dance to welcome in the Year of the Rabbit as part of the museum's annual Chinese New Year activities.

#### STUDENTS PERFORM AT MAYOR'S CITY HALL CELEBRATION

With the beautiful backdrop of City Hall, the CAIS lion dance troupe and eighth grade Chinese music ensemble performed for Mayor Ed Lee and city officials at the Mayor's Chinese New Year celebration at City Hall. The presentation ended with the lion dancers' symbolic dance to scare away evil spirits and to summon luck and fortune for the Mayor during the Year of the Rabbit.

## SCHOOL LIFE AT CAIS

### 中美生活點滴

#### FIFTH GRADE POETS GIVE IMPRESSIVE SHOW

With poignancy, humor and insight, poetry and haiku were shared in both English and Chinese at the fifth grade poetry celebration. The students showed that they have given a lot of thought about many different subjects that matter to them as individuals and delivered their thoughts both succinctly and with expression. Each poet introduced him or herself and shared how he/she was inspired by writing the piece and went on to share his or her work.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS PLACE IN NATIONAL "CLASS" ESSAY CONTEST

Eight CAIS middle school students recently placed in the seventh annual national Chinese Language Association of Secondary Elementary Schools (CLASS) essay contest. Under the direction of eighth grade Chinese teacher, Tang Laoshi, the students wrote essays in Chinese about languages and the gateway to global communities. The reflective pieces drew upon personal, multilingual and multicultural experiences from their own lives. CLASS is a non-profit professional organization that represents all Chinese language educators at all levels from elementary to secondary schools in the United States.

#### SIXTEEN CAIS STUDENTS PLACE IN CHINESE LANGUAGE BRIDGE CUP CONTEST

CAIS students had a fantastic showing at the 2010 Chinese Language Bridge Cup Contest sponsored by the Confucius Institute of San Francisco State University. CAIS students placed in the several categories including Chinese Calligraphy, composition and poetry.

#### SCHOOL-WIDE CELEBRATION OF STUDENT CREATIVITY AT ULTRA ARTS FAMILY FAIR

Families were blown away by CAIS students in every aspect of the arts, from visual arts to hip hop and drama - all were represented at the Ultra Arts Family Fair during the spring. Activities included visual artwork of students from pre-k through eighth grades, Chinese music, hip hop, Chinese dance, video and Orff/world music, hands-on art activities for all ages, food from six international vendors will be available for purchase in the Oak Street yard and ongoing performances will take place in the Lower Café and the basement Performing Arts Room, with art exhibited on the basement and first floor levels.



## SCHOOL LIFE AT CAIS

### 中美生活點滴

#### STUDENTS RAISE OVER \$9,000 FOR JAPAN

After hearing about the disasters in Japan, our three fifth grade classes felt compelled to give back in their own way, and decided on their own to launch a campaign of awareness to raise money. Working with their teachers, the students organized their campaign, held a series of bake sales and student government jumped in and temporarily raised their bun sales prices to help contribute. Several moms heard about the efforts and quickly got to work making Japanese snacks to contribute to the sales.

The pre-kindergarten class also contributed to the effort with a parent-organized fan-making event that involved students decorating fans that were in turn sold to family members and friends to help raise money for the Japan relief effort.



Through these efforts, students raised a total of \$9,468.62, which includes a matching gift from Minami Tamaki LLP.

Thanks to the generosity of our community and the initiative our students took to help raise so much money for such an important cause. It was truly a school-wide effort.

#### TRIFECTA OF CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR FIREDRAGON ATHLETICS

The Firedragons have had an incredible athletic year, winning the volleyball, basketball and futsal championships.

The trifecta of championships is the first time one school in the SFAL league has won in all three sports in a single year. Quite an honor!

To make that even more special, the championships were shared among the entire span of the Firedragon athletic program. It was not one single talented group of players that dominated the league, but a true school effort. Thanks to our Athletic Director Debbie Talbot along with her sports team of dedicated coaches for their unwavering dedication to our athletic program.

## SCHOOL LIFE AT CAIS

### 中美生活點滴

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL RAISES FUNDS TO BUILD SCHOOL IN KENYA

Middle school students worked over a year to raise enough money to build a school in Kenya. During the spring, one year later, they met their goal! The students, led by student government, held a variety of fundraisers, such as a coin drive, a bingo night and bake sales to raise the needed funds. The school will be built in the Eor Ewuaso community, in Kenya's Rift Valley, in partnership with Free the Children. There are approximately 340 children under the age of 18 living in Eor Ewuaso. In 2000, due to wind destruction, many classrooms in Eor Ewuaso primary school and the surrounding villages were destroyed.

Congratulations to CAIS middle school students for making a difference in the lives of so many children, and thank you to everyone who helped make the campaign a success.

#### WORLD RENOWNED DE YOUNG MUSEUM FEATURES CAIS ARTISTS IN "YOUNG AT ART EXHIBIT"

CAIS student art was featured in the 25th annual de Young Museum's Young at Art exhibit that happened during the spring. The event included a visual art exhibition featuring artwork by 2,000 students throughout San Francisco.

CAIS artists featured 30 of their masterpieces including a bigger-than-life mosaic snake created by the eighth grade class, brush painting from seventh and eighth grades, clay work from fifth graders, lanterns from various lower school grades and post-impressionist Van Gough-inspired eighth grade paintings.

#### ROBOTICS TEAM GOES TO REGIONAL COMPETITION

The parent-led CAIS robotics team had a great season that led them to the regional competition in Sacramento. The team finished fourth place and they won the Outstanding Rookie Team award at the regional event. It was a great season of learning and fun that developed critical skills in science and technology in a super-charged learning atmosphere. The team built, programmed and tested an autonomous robot as part of a project developed for a solution to a real-world problem.

## AWARDS

### 獎勵

#### PHILIP BUTLER SMITH VOLUNTEER AWARD

##### 菲利普巴特勒史密斯家長義工獎

The Philip Butler Smith Volunteer Award is CAIS's first ever volunteer award established in loving memory of Philip Butler Smith, father of Victor Smith ('03) whose life tragically ended in a cross country biking accident. While he was a CAIS Parent, Phil was the ultimate volunteer, involved in every aspect of school life from docent tours to cooking his famous turkey for Thanksgiving. The parents of the class of '03 and others at CAIS wanted to honor Phil's memory by establishing the Philip Butler Smith Volunteer Award. Ifen Carlson, Vivian Massialas and Mae O'Malley are the 2010-2011 recipients of the Philip Butler Smith Volunteer of the Year Award.

#### Ifen Carlson

Ifen has been a tremendous volunteer for the Admission Office and has been always a very willing and capable pair of hands for setup and cleanup at numerous admission events. She also helped conceive and execute the very popular ShowCAIS Bay Area Restaurant Raffle fundraiser, which included her extensive work directly negotiating with restaurants to contribute to the overall ShowCAIS raffle. With a background in market research, Ifen has devoted a great deal of her time and expertise in joining and assisting the Mission Review Steering Committee in their work for the Board of Trustees mission review.

#### Vivian Massialas

For the past 14 years, Vivian has served the school tirelessly during her children's time at CAIS. As part of the community, Vivian has been a constant source of support with her musical talents. From playing piano accompaniment for Kindergarten graduation, spring sing, winter program and eighth grade graduation, Vivian is always willing to help whenever or wherever needed. Over the years she has spent numerous hours in the classroom helping with special projects and extended day.

#### Mae O'Malley

As a class liaison, Mae has been an unwavering support to the third grade teachers in every way imaginable; from helping with the Thanksgiving luncheon, holiday parties, Chinese New Year luncheon, book orders,

organizing classroom kits rented from the Academy of Sciences, and not to mention driving, chaperoning and coordinating every field trip and end of year party. Mae has also diligently supported the Pre-k class as a class liaison. She was also involved with ShowCAIS, serving as the wine coordinator for the entire event, as well as co-hosting a ShowCAIS party sign-up event at her house along with two other moms. For the Admission Office Mae was a docent and parent ambassador.

These three volunteers have contributed their time, talent, enthusiasm and professionalism and exemplify a true volunteerism spirit. We thank them and all the CAIS parents who support the school in so many meaningful ways.

#### CAIS GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

##### 中美好公民獎

Each year one fifth grade and one eighth grade student receive the CAIS Citizenship Award. The award was established by parent Winnie Fok in memory of her late husband Mr. Norman Ng, father of 2008 CAIS graduate Alec Ng and class of 2013 student Emma Ng. The award is given to two students who exemplify an extraordinary commitment of friendship and camaraderie to their peers and who demonstrate consistent support and respect to fellow students. The award includes \$250 to each recipient, to be donated to the charity of the recipients' choice.

The fifth grade recipient was Ronan Gissler, and his chosen charity is the Children's Services of UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital. The eighth grade recipient Jaclyn Lee, chose St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for her donation. The qualities recognized by the citizenship award are critical to the creation and maintenance of the tight-knit CAIS student community. These are the qualities of friendship and respect that we all value and all strive to practice every day.



## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

### 家長會

The Parent Association includes all CAIS parents and is focused on building a vibrant CAIS community through social events, fund raising, communications and parent involvement. From hosting the annual picnics, Holiday Faire and Family Camp, to coordinating the hot lunch program and teacher appreciation events, the Parents Association is an important part of the school community. The PA Council is an elected body that coordinates the activities of the Parents Association and represents the interests of CAIS families to school administration and the Board of Trustees. Council members are elected to a two-year term.



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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### 專業進修

The development and support of CAIS's faculty and staff is paramount to the success of the students. CAIS faculty and staff are lifelong learners, taking part in professional development opportunities during weekends, vacations and summer. Funds for professional development are designated each year for faculty and staff to hone their skills and expertise by attending conferences, workshops and classes.

#### FIRST GRADE TEACHER ATTENDS CONFERENCE IN BEIJING

First grade teacher, Sue Geng was invited to attend the Hanban/Confucius Institute Professional Training Conference in Beijing held at the end of October at Beijing University. This all expenses paid trip was funded by Hanban, which in simple terms is an organization affiliated with the Chinese Ministry of Education whose mission is to provide Chinese language and cultural teaching resources and services worldwide for Chinese programs around the world.

Sue Geng, along with 700 teaching professionals from across the United States and Canada came together for five days of intense working groups and sessions. The sessions were collaborative in nature,

with educators sharing their best practices, new ways of engaging student interest, lesson plans, teaching materials and more. "We were at the conference from 7:30 a.m. until after 7:00 p.m. each day," Geng Laoshi said.

What struck her was the number of Caucasian Chinese language teachers from around the U.S. and Canada. She spent a lot of time with a delegation of teachers from Utah, whose state legislators have secured funding for public immersion programs and currently have 65 programs (including Chinese, French and Spanish) running.

#### LARGEST GROUP OF OPI CERTIFIED TESTERS AT CAIS

Starting in the winter of the 2010-2011 school year, Chinese teachers at CAIS started the rigorous process of going through the ACTFL OPI certification process. The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Oral Proficiency Interview, or ACTFL OPI as it is better known, is a standardized procedure for assessing oral language skills. The criteria are predetermined by ACTFL and administered to students by CAIS and used internally to make relevant curriculum adjustments.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### 專業進修

#### LARGEST GROUP OF OPI TESTERS AT CAIS, CONTINUED

CAIS is in a unique position to have seven Chinese teachers who have gone through the OPI tester certification process, giving CAIS the distinction of having the most OPI testers in a single organization. The entire testing process involves many steps and takes twelve months in total and wouldn't have been possible without the funding from an anonymous donor.

#### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND MOVEMENT PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Susan Kennedy, Director of the Music and Movement program, participated in the American Orff Schulwerk Association national conference in Washington during the first week of November. While there she presented professional development sessions and served on the curriculum task force committee, which is revising the national guidelines for teacher certification courses. Presenters and participants traveled from six continents to attend the conference. AOSA is part of the international network of Music and Movement educators who are guided by the Orff Schulwerk approach.

#### FACULTY ATTENDS CONFERENCE DURING BREAK

During February Break many CAIS faculty members took advantage of the time off to pursue various professional development activities. In particular, seventh/eighth grade science teacher, Susan Sherman and Music and Movement Director, Susan Kennedy attended a conference offered through the Johns Hopkins' Center for Talented Youth called "The Teacher as Risk Taker." Both teachers participated in the conference as Sarah D. Barder fellows.

Current CAIS faculty Rita Soukhova, Susan Sherman, Chu-sheng Tang and Susan Kennedy have been inducted into the fellowship, in addition to former CAIS faculty John Longar and Sara Shupack and retired teacher Janny Liang.

The program is administered through the Johns Hopkins' Center for Talented Youth. The purpose of the program is to recognize excellence in teachers as identified by students, particularly excellence in working with gifted students.

## FROM THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SUSAN CHENG

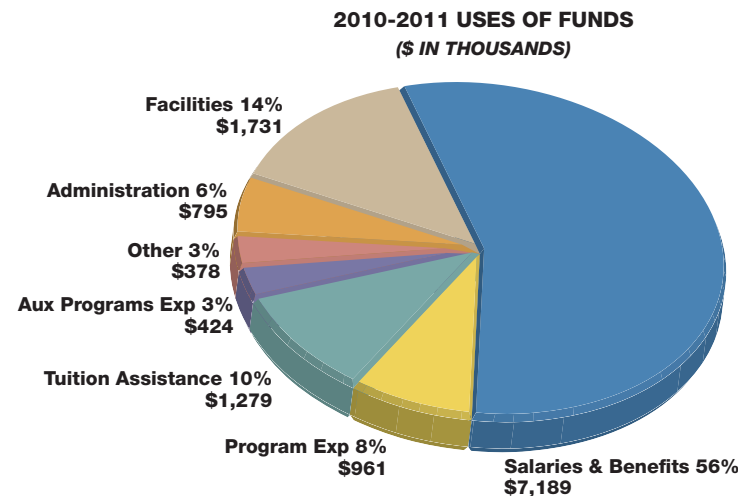
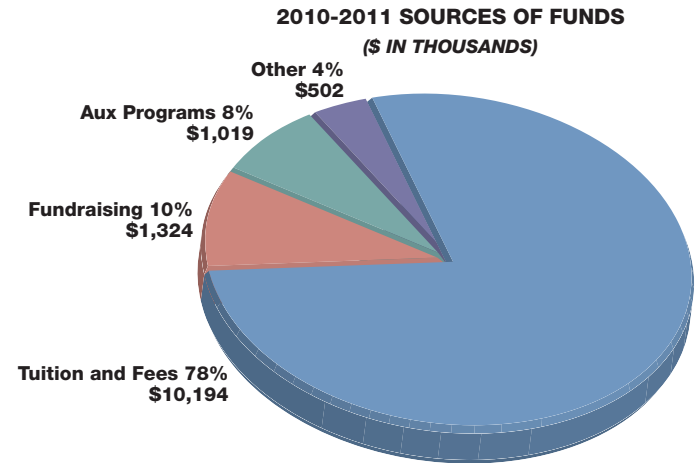
### 董事會財務長報告

Chinese American International School continues to be in excellent financial position with a strong balance sheet and balanced annual operating budgets. The Trustee-led Assets Committee and the School's administrators continue to carefully manage resources to support the program's expansion and enrichment, while fine-tuning budget allocations to maximize efficiency – all with the goal of supporting the mission of the school now and into the future. During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the school spent approximately \$8 million providing faculty and programs to create rigorous and enriching dual language experience for our children. Revenues from tuition, auxiliary programs and the generous support of the CAIS community totaled over \$13 million. In its drive to embrace best practices, the school continues to grow its operating reserves so that it can comfortably claim that it can weather any sudden emergencies.

Yet again, CAIS reached a new record in voluntary support, thanks to generous donors in the CAIS community and outside donors who believe in and want to support the school's mission. Thanks to this incredible generosity, the Annual Fund reached a new record of more than \$823,000, and our ShowCAIS gala event raised over \$400,000. These funds provide essential support for our tuition assistance, professional development and other programs, and are a testament to the enormous commitment of our Annual Fund co-chairs and class captains as well as parent volunteers for events such as ShowCAIS.

As the school moves into its fourth decade, CAIS is a thriving institution with sound financial management and a uniquely generous and committed community of faculty, parents, alumni and friends. The Board of Trustees and the school administration continue to rely on your participation to realize our goals and look forward to your ongoing support.

The charts illustrate the sources and use of funds during the 2010-2011 fiscal year.



#### GIVING

2010-11 Annual Fund	\$823,508
ShowCAIS	\$417,003
Building Fund	\$5,644
Endowment Fund	\$1,750
Shirley Lee Memorial Fund	\$4,820
Good Citizenship Award	\$2,000
Others	\$1,413
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$1,256,138</b>

#### GRANTS

Freeman Foundation	\$62,500
California Healthcare Foundation	\$6,250
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$68,750</b>

**Total Fundraising \$1,324,888**

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**GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY**

CAIS celebrated the generosity and support of Philip Yoh and Louise Hui at a dedication ceremony for the new middle school science lab named after the couple. Mr. Yoh and Mrs. Hui had been searching for a worthy cause to invest their time and money. After hearing about the education of their grand nieces, CAIS students Caroline and Alison Sheng and visiting for a campus tour, they proudly decided to make CAIS a priority in their lives. The science lab that they funded creates more space for the middle school to explore and experiment.



Parent, Stanley Kwong, who passed away last year, was parent of pre-kindergarten students Justin and Michelle Kwong and uncle of two CAIS alumnae, Kimberly (class of '03) and Krista Gon (class of '08). Stanley had a long history as a CAIS community member and parent was the first major donor to the Waller Street campus; his generosity helped attract and inspire other donors to see the vision of the pre-kindergarten campus. A dedication of the Pre-K Gold classroom at Waller Street honors Stanley and dedication to CAIS.

**ALUMNI SUPPORT**

As a sophomore in college, James Young (class of '03) received the Mertens Sophomore Award from the UC Davis Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, a national academic honor society. This award is presented annually to the most outstanding sophomore student and includes a financial award. When deciding what to do with the financial prize, James indicated he would like to share it with the CAIS community.

Majoring in Managerial Economics with a minor in Chinese, James felt strongly about giving back to his alma mater. Thank you James, for continuing to provide leadership and inspiration to the CAIS community.



**STUDENT SUPPORT**

Eighth grader, Irene Wang has placed in various contests and competitions, demonstrating her creative skills and talents. At the Marin County Fair, Irene finished first place in both the Asian Brush Painting Contest and Junior Photography Contest. She also participated in the Chinese Dance Competition at the Sing Tao Expo 2010 and placed third in her bracket. Her parents, Samuel Wang and Qingwen Xi, are very proud of her accomplishments.

With the cash winnings from these competitions, Irene made a donation to CAIS to express her gratitude to all the teachers who have taught her throughout her time here. Thank you, Irene, for setting a wonderful example of achievement and giving to fellow students and our community.



## REMEMBERING SHIRLEY LEE

紀念李小麗女士

On October 6, 2010, friend, mentor, leader and education professional at Chinese American International School, Shirley Lee passed away. A respected educational veteran with more than 30 years of international experience in both teaching and school management, Shirley was a leader in dual language education at CAIS, where she worked as a teacher and administrator, founding the Mandarin-English immersion program. She was a passionate bilingual educator, an advocate for quality education and contributing member of the task force that developed the state of California's World Languages Standards.

In 2005 Shirley joined The Independent Schools Foundation Academy (ISF) in Hong Kong. While at The ISF Academy, Shirley was a tireless advocate of the dual language immersion program and promoter of Chinese culture to parents, students, employees and the community. Under her leadership, The Academy grew from a primary school of around 100 students on a temporary campus to the comprehensive primary and secondary campus students enjoy today.

Under Shirley's leadership, CAIS grew from an idea doubted by an unconvinced public to a thriving institution spanning over two campuses. From four students in 1981 to more than 450 today; we wouldn't be where we are without Shirley's vision, passion and hard work. Shirley's legacy continues at CAIS through her two granddaughters, both of whom attend the school.



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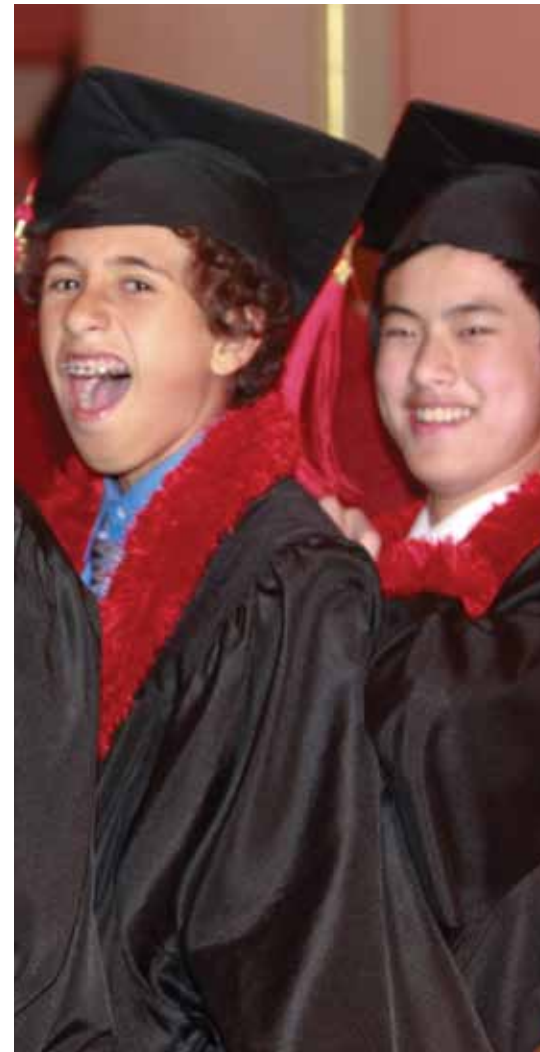


Before a near capacity audience at the Herbst Theatre, the 39 members of the CAIS class of 2011 received their diplomas and graduated from CAIS. CAIS faculty and administrators gave the eighth grade class of 2011 a send-off that included practical advice, songs and quotes, with the underlying theme of celebrating the students' accomplishments, which are a result of their learning and hard work.

It is always bittersweet to say good bye to a graduating class, but teachers, administrators and staff are assured knowing that CAIS alumni will set sail into a world of possibilities.

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