

Friends of the International Center of Princeton University

Creating Understanding through Conversation and Friendship

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Meet Some Friends



Fengquan Zhong and Cuie Sun review material with tutor, Irene White.

Fengquan Zhong and his wife, **Cuie Sun**, are among Princeton University's international visitors who participate in programs organized by the Friends of the International Center.

Fengquan, a graduate student in mechanical and aerospace engineering, is tutored by **Irene White**; Sun is tutored by **Ruth Schreib**, and both have been hosted by **Ricardo Barros**. Sun also participates in the group conversation program.

Irene has been a Friends tutor for ten years, the last three helping Fengquan. She has seen great improvement in his English fluency, and so has he: "I speak more American English."

Sun describes her experience as "fantastic." "My tutor is interested in Chinese culture. We talk about China, and I express my opinions in English. Ruth gives me insight into America."

To find out more about volunteering, come to the Friends Open House, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. at Murray-Dodge Hall on the university campus.

**BE A FRIEND TO AN
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT!
Learn about becoming
a tutor or host
at the
FRIENDS OPEN HOUSE**



Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.

**Murray-Dodge Hall
Princeton University**

Directions?

Call (609) 258-1170.

President's Corner

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and board, and the generosity of our donors, the **Friends of the International Center** have had a very successful year.

Our volunteers continue to help international students, visiting scholars, and their families meet the challenges of living and studying in a foreign country.

Our supporters enable us to meet our budgetary goals for the English programs, host program, and teaching award. As the volunteer wing of the International Center, the Friends also help support activities of the International Center organized on behalf of the international community at Princeton University.

We thank you all.

Anne Bolick, President

Friends Present Award



Geoffrey Goodwin, with Paula Chow, International Center Director, and Anne Bolick, President of the Friends of the International Center

Geoffrey Goodwin, a graduate student from Australia, has won the 2005 Excellence in Teaching Award and a \$1000 stipend that is presented annually by the Friends of the International Center to an international graduate student for excellence in teaching undergraduates at Princeton University.

Geoffrey is studying for a Ph.D. in psychology and plans to do research eventually in experimental psychology. In an unusual turnabout, Geoffrey made a donation to the Friends to show *his* appreciation for the recognition and award. Thank *you*, Geoff!

Financial Commitments

The Friends raise funds annually to sponsor English conversation and host programs and the scholarship award. The Friends also donate funds to help the International Center in its effort to create intercultural understanding.

Funding for these activities comes entirely from tax-deductible contributions from the public. Donations are generally made directly to the Friends, but with Princeton University alumni, a percentage of their donation to *Annual Giving* can be designated for the Friends of the International Center.

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Tribute to Louise Sayen

Louise Sayen, who played a significant role in 1974 in establishing the volunteer International Center, died May 1st at the age of 83.

Paula Chow, who also helped found the volunteer Center, served with Louise as co-director of the International Center until 1978 when it was absorbed by Princeton University. Paula became director and Louise, the first president of the Friends of the International Center. Louise remained a board member of the Friends for many years.

In speaking about her friend, Paula said, "Louise's persistence, dedication and ability to bring people together helped enormously with our earlier success. She will be sorely missed."

Many Helped in 2004-2005

With over 92 countries represented by Princeton's international community, the Friends have helped members from many of these countries become more comfortable speaking English and adjusting to life in the United States.

Friends Participants 2004-2005

Total International Participants – 261
Total Volunteers – 185

Individual English Conversation

88 students & scholars, 75 tutors

Group English Conversation

100 students & spouses, 22 tutors

Host Program

73 students, scholars, & spouses, 88 hosts

To Contact the Friends . . .

Want to volunteer? Donate? Learn more about the Friends? Call Hanna Hand, (609) 258-1170, or email hhand@princeton.edu

We want to hear from alumni: Tell us about yourselves. Send an e-mail to Hanna Hand at the above address.