Up - Coming Events:

April 13 - SJTU football game
April 13-14 - School sponsored trip to Yellow Mountain
May 9-10 - Final Exams
May 14 - Departure for Chicago

SJTU Lions Football

Some of our ETA students have joined the STJU Lions Football team! They practice regularly with the Chinese students, helping to coach and also play on the team. On March 31, the Lions had their first game of the season against an international high school in Shanghai and were accompanied by their very own cheering section made up of more ETA students. The Boilers were allowed to play only for the first half after the referees realized that they were dominating the game, but they still had a great time and the Lions came out victorious in the end! They have another game coming up on April 13 against Fudan University, where they hope to continue their winning streak.

Top: Players and their cheering section

Bottom: SJTU Lions team picture

ETA students playing for the football team include (L to R in top picture): Adam Taylor, Bryan Searfoss, John Roberts, Elliot Conrad, Zack Lanman, Carlin Hormann, Tyler Jenkins, Nathan Schwenk
Dinner with Purdue ME Faculty

With the arrival of Professor Bajaj and Professor Groll in Shanghai, the ETA program was treated to a dinner at the SJTU Faculty Club Hotel in Xuhui. It was a surreal experience for us to return to our old hotel after what seems like such a long time, but we were glad to be well fed and entertained by the visiting Professors!
Dumpling Party and New Friends

A group on campus that aims to promote interaction between Chinese and exchange students held a dumpling party and invited us to come for some good food and to make new friends with fellow students. Roughly 10 of us participated and the party was a great success. We played multiple “ice breaker” games with the Chinese students, including one that helped us to try and memorize their names and where they were from. The Chinese students then taught us how to make dumplings by rolling dough and doing a special folding method to ensure that no meat spills out during cooking. Finally we were able to enjoy our creations and continue discussions with the students, many of whom aspire to attend Purdue in the next few years as part of another exchange program!

Top L: A Chinese student demonstrating a magic trick while the dumplings cooked

Top R: ETA program CEO Kat Frangos learning the art of dumpling making from our international office contact, Eacy

Bottom: Group photo while enjoying our delicious dumplings!
Family Visits to Shanghai

With March being the half-way point and including many sibling Spring Breaks, many families took the opportunity to visit their students here in Shanghai! We had multiple groups here over the course of a couple of weeks which was very exciting, both because we got to show our families what our lives have been like since coming to China and because they fed us and our friends some great food that we otherwise wouldn’t usually get! The reaction of the families was very positive to our experiences here in China and they were very successful in their travels! A few students even took their families on vacations to other cities, which was a great way for them to experience as much as possible on their trips! Those of us who had our families here would definitely encourage future students to have their parents, siblings or even friends participate and join them in Shanghai if even for a week!