

Quanbo Xiong
President of ICCCI

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Written by Alison Zhang



Quanbo Xiong is the president of ICCCI (Indianapolis Chinese Community Center Inc.). He became president in June 2020. Quanbo is a great president and widened our academics circle a lot after he became president. Outside of his volunteer work with ICCCI, Quanbo Xiong works at Corteva Agriscience.

Quanbo moved to Indiana around 2009. His family moved to America in search of better opportunities, and a better life. When he came to America, he was both excited and sad. He was excited because he would see his new country and sad because he would have to leave behind the country where he grew up in, his family, and his friends. He joined ICCCI about the same year as he moved to Indiana.

He joined ICCCI because he could make friends there, enjoy his traditions, and have fun. He liked it because it had a lot of events, his children liked its programs, and he could speak out to improve ICCCI. He was a volunteer when he first joined ICCCI. He learned dragon dance, lion dance, and he helped people in ICCCI. He would join the Chinese New Year celebration, the Indy 500 parade, and Independence Day parade. He made a lot of friends there.

Quanbo is and was an outstanding president. There were lots of good presidents before him too! He said, "The presidents before me were good, hard-working people. I learned a lot from them". Quanbo thinks that over the years he has been president, the events got bigger and more vivid, ICCCI had a stronger leadership team, they had more programs, and there were more people joining.

He thinks that ICCCI should continue better programs, opportunities, and promote the mindset of leadership for young and adults. He noticed that ICCCI did not have lots of interactions with other groups in the U.S.A and he thinks that we should meet some new groups, exchange some ideas and information so the Chinese community will become more united and stronger. Quanbo thinks that ICCCI can improve is to have their own building for all the programs, so that they don't always have to use the Carmel High School classrooms.

A final thing that Quanbo feels is that young people should speak up more, such as share their opinions, ideas, etc. He said, "I want to hear younger people speak up more, share their opinions". He feels like the most important event in his life is migration.

He has lived in China, Japan and America. It has helped him be more persistent and confident. He thinks this because migration helped him understand diversity. Quanbo said "When you learn new things, get used to new things, you can change the world." It taught him to never stop and open his eyes to possibilities. He has experienced diversity of cultures.

One thing he wants us to know about is miscommunication. One way this can happen is simply not understanding the prompt. Since he is a busy person trying to do a lot of things in a short time, some people don't understand what he is asking them to do. Another way is language barrier. Some people don't understand him, so he says to be patient, and practice. He says this is important for communication, passion, and avoiding misunderstanding.

Quanbo is a very patient person. He thinks that when your day isn't going as planned, take whatever happened, because it already happened so you can't change the past even if it was one second ago, and cope with it. Don't get angry and frustrated and turn bad things around so they can be good things. Look at the positive side. One example of when he did this was when they were trying to acquire data through a machine on the weekend. Everything was ready but at the last second the machine broke down. The data was due next week. So, he did whatever he could do and asked a person to get the machine fixed next week. While waiting, he focused on other aspects of project report preparation. He didn't get frustrated because he knew that life went on so he could move forward.

Quanbo feels that he should be happy. Because he makes people happy, and that is the most important thing. He helps people learn that respect is important, and we should recognize/utilize people's strengths and avoid their weaknesses. Quanbo Xiong is a patient, respectful and passionate person. He cares deeply about others, and he is always on the positive side, and no matter if it's avoiding weaknesses or encouraging confidence. He is the perfect match for president of ICCCI. (Fun fact: did you know when he was chosen to be president, he actually did not want to be president!) Overall, Quanbo is a wonderful president and a patient, caring man.

Bowen Zhang: A Hardworking Teacher

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Sarah Lin

Bowen Zhang is a hard-working professional teacher. Bowen Zhang is a teacher at Ball State University.

Bowen Zhang is a Professional teacher who works at ball state University. Bowen teaches biological and hydrological cycles. She has worked and taught for 7 years. Bowen likes teaching about the ecosystem too. Bowen is interested in nitrogen and gas cycles.



“The thing that is hard about my job is figuring out and balancing, teaching students and my researchers. My passion is meeting students and teaching them about interesting and cool stuff. The things that were very hard when I was still learning how to become a professor were coding and the natural resources around the world.”

As a teacher Bowen likes to give candy to her students to encourage them. Bowen Zhang loves to learn many things about history. She also loves to learn about coding too. At first, it was hard, but once Bowen got used to it, she loved it.

But it wasn't that easy. Bowen had to face tests a lot. To become a teacher, you have to pass a test. You also have to get a degree. Bowen tried her best and passed. Bowen also had to take pictures a lot.

Bowen improved a lot over time. She got better comments. She also got a lot of students to like her teaching. Sometimes being a teacher is hard. Bowen also loves spending time with her family.

She and her family go on a lot of trips. Bowen loves taking photos of people too. Now Bowen Zhang is still a professional teacher, and her and her family will always enjoy their happy family.

Pic of Bowen Zhang

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Qian Zhao
Assistant Professor in Soil
Biogeochemistry

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Grace Sang

Living in Texas with his family for his job teaching at the University of Texas at Dallas, Qian Zhao has a PhD in Environmental Engineering, followed by an M.S. in Environmental Engineering and a B.S. in Environmental Engineering. His research areas are about Soil Carbon Biogeochemistry. At his college, he is known as an Assistant Professor, an Earth Scientist, and a Postdoctoral Research Associate. But to him, he is just Qian Zhao.



Qian Zhao's passion is going to Yellowstone National Park, which he has been there for 7 years in a row. At Yellowstone, he likes to watch wildlife, track the wolfpacks, and watch wild animals interact and behave. It lets him see how the natural systems work in Yellowstone. He likes to relax and enjoy nature whenever he goes to Yellowstone. When he is at Yellowstone, he becomes calm, because during the day, when he walks in the city, a lot of things happen, and the pace is really fast. But in nature, you are quiet and calm, which helps him settle down out of his busy life. Since his work is about the environment, he can see the ecosystems in the national park, and how amazing the world is. The different animals, plants, and air, and how they interact with each other, is really fascinating to him to see and to be out there to enjoy nature. Right now, Qian Zhao is learning musical instruments and is picking up the guitar. He feels like it's something that he is missing out on. His friends are like experts in musical instruments, so he would like to learn to become an expert in musical instruments.

The most important thing, according to Qian Zhao, is to pass his knowledge that he has learned from school to the students that he teaches right now. "If I keep that knowledge inside for myself, it's just what I learn that I can apply, but if I teach that to the students in the next generation, that knowledge will pass from generation to generation." This is a quote that he said about passing his knowledge and why it's so important. His mom is a high school teacher, and she also inspired him to become a

teacher. Along the way, his cousin is also a professor, and she is also a role model for him. She always inspired him to become a university professor and teach students.

Looking back, Qian Zhao had some challenges when he was getting his PhD in Environmental Engineering. A challenge that he had was the timing, because he had finished his PhD in 3 years, so he had to do everything fast. He had to get everything done quickly, which made him really stressed. But instead, he worked harder and worked extra time to get those tasks done. The new techniques that he learned were also a challenge. He had to apply them to his lab work. He didn't know many new techniques, so he had to learn from the beginning. He had to fully understand those techniques so he could apply them to his work. He spent more time understanding each of those techniques by taking it into pieces and learning them one by one.

Some of Qian Zhao's biggest life-changing events were about continuing to go to school, getting which degrees, or about which job to take. He had to decide whether he would stay in China or go to the U.S.A. He had decided to move to the U.S.A. for advanced education. He also had to decide if he would continue doing a PhD. PhD's were really challenging and a tough thing to do. He decided to keep doing a PhD as his job.

Qian Zhao reflects, "Teaching the methodology of learning is the most important thing to know. It doesn't matter what topic they learn or teach; if they know the method of how to learn, it applies to all topics. Like, if you know how to read, how to communicate, and how to present what you learn, you can use it to learn anything in your area. With that methodology in your mind, you can apply that to anything you teach or learn." He likes the working environment at the university, where he interacts with students, gets excited by them, and remains inspired by them. They are energetic and excited to be involved with students' activities and get taught in the classroom. He is passionate about the methodology of learning.

Now, Qian is still working on his guitar skills and working with his students in his class. He has achieved the Outstanding Performance Award for his skills in teaching and as a professor. He is now on his way to have an 8-year streak of going to Yellowstone National Park!

**Jiacen Wu:
Leader and Founder of Carmel
Puzzle Club, Multi-Award State
Winning Champion**

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By Andrew Wu

Jiacen is the Leader and **Founder of Carmel Puzzle Club**, and a Multi-Award State Winning Champion. She wants to get better and better every single day and improve.

Jiacen, when she was 4, moved to Carmel, Indiana from China, where her parents found a job. There she learned to speak English herself and finally mastered it at the age of 7. When she was in 6th grade, she started to discover her talent in art and in 6th grade she started to play the violin. She has won several awards in the Indiana State Fair. It started in 5th-grade when Jiacen became the **2021 Veterans Day Poster Winner** for the 5th-grade division themed "Freedom is Never Free". She has been trained under nationally and internationally recognized artists, suggesting an openness to critique and a hunger for professional-level growth. Jiacen has achieved multiple top-3 placements in the **Youth Arts Division** at the **Indiana State Fair** for 3 consecutive years. As the **Founder and President of the Carmel Puzzle Club**, she exhibits a proactive "builder" mentality and an interest in logical, complex challenges. Her work was selected for exhibition in the prestigious **Indianapolis International Violin Competition** art showcase. She participated in the **Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA)** Solo and Ensemble events, performing Group, Violin in 2026 and Piano in 2025.

Now, Jiacen is 14, and enjoys creating more artwork, and plays her violin and piano. She goes to Carmel High School, where she enjoys collaborating with others and making new friends.



Qiujin Liu

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By: Max Yang

Qiujin is a Chinese teacher who loves helping her students learn a new language. She teaches kids how to speak, read, and write Chinese in a hardworking and easy way. She became a teacher because she enjoys spending time with kids and helping others learn. Qiujin works at a school in Carmel, and she teaches many students every day. She also takes care of her child at home, which makes her life busy but happy.

Qiujin grew up in China, where she learned Chinese as her first language. When she was a student, she liked school and worked hard to do her best. As she got older, she realized she wanted to become a teacher so she could help other people learn and grow just like her teachers helped her. Later, she moved to the United States to teach Chinese and share her culture with more students. She got to the US at 13 with their family and went to high school there too. Also, she got married and went to Indiana to start the life she wanted.

At school, Qiujin plans her lessons carefully. She teaches new vocabulary words, helps students practice speaking, and shows them how to write Chinese characters. Sometimes learning a new language can be hard, but Qiujin is patient and kind. She always encourages her students to keep trying. "I love seeing my students improve," Qiujin said. "It makes me happy when they try their best and don't give up." Many of her students enjoy her class because she makes learning fun with activities and practice.

Qiujin is not only a teacher but also a caring parent. After school, she goes home to spend time with her child. She helps with homework, cooks great food, and makes sure her child feels loved and supported. Even though she has a lot to do, she always finds time for her family. Being both a teacher and a parent can be challenging, but Qiujin works hard every day.

In her free time, Qiujin enjoys cooking Chinese food for her family. She also likes reading books and learning new things and spending time with friends. She believes that learning never stops, even for teachers. One interesting fact about Qiujin is that she likes to teach her child Chinese at home too.

She is a great teacher and mom for her love for her students and her child. She is a hard worker and tries to be better every single day.

Derek Yang, A Person of Coding.
With a clear focus of coding, Derek has a focused drive on success.

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By Valerie Yang

Derek Yang, who is planning to go to Purdue this year, works at the Information Technology Department (the IT Department) where they ensure all government computers, networks and databases run smoothly.

Derek also helps develop software to streamline processes for the city, which means to make navigating the internet easier. In addition to his work at the IT Department, he also founded a coding competition, and a SAT tutoring course for students. He wanted to tutor his students SAT to prepare them for their future and attend colleges that are suited to their level.

Derek got the idea of setting up a coding competition from his Computer Science Club, and successfully did it and now if you win, you get a prize of about \$1,000, with over 250 people from 22 different countries participating.

Derek's passion for coding began in childhood, and he sees it as a valuable skill that can lead to good jobs, financial success, and even running his own business one day. He also plans that he will build a website where you can find anything in the entire world. If you searched up any type of food, clothing, or product, the AI would help you find that exact business or the store. The mix of Derek's passion for coding and teaching will help him in his later life and future as he learns and grows.

Derek's journey shows how people can grow in life and still have a passion for their hobbies. Through his work and his life, he has been very interested in coding and computer science. He plans to get a Computer Science Degree at Purdue and look for a job that would accommodate his standards.



Gordon Young

A Chinese lawyer

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By: Joanne Lee



Do you know what it is like to be a Chinese lawyer? Gordon Young was a lawyer for 10 years in China. He came to America in 2022, during covid to earn a degree Now, he is interning at a law firm in Fishers. Gordon is graduating in May from a local university. It was very hard to adapt to a new language, English, but he was able to persevere, can speak in various topics and loves learning new things.

Gordon has a family of four, his wife is an amazing singer and in international business, his oldest daughter is senior. She loves art and is planning to become an artist or an art teacher. His youngest daughter loves to dance and is in 3rd grade.

His role at ICCCI is to make sure everyone is safe and they follow all the rules. Gordon leads a lot by giving instructions, he believes that leaders should be a good example to their peers.

One of Gordon's biggest life changing events was moving to America. He had to adapt to a new culture and language; he had to start from scratch. Because of his experiences in China, he has a different view on different things. Many people misunderstand, thinking he is distant, but in truth, he is just focusing on his work.

At court Gordon is always protecting his client, and sometimes, even both sides! Most people respect the law, but sometimes, people try misleading others, so it is important to watch for clues. He thinks that good preparation, understanding the law and talking in professional ways help you win the case. Judges appreciate clear thinking and honesty.

Yong Zang: Researching Yong Zang's Job and Life

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By: Zoe Tang

Dr. Yong Zang is a researcher and is trying to help cure cancer by researching deeper about cancer. He works at Indiana University and is majoring in biostatics. He also teaches his research to help scientists cure cancer.

Dr. Zang got his PHD in Hong Kong University by researching. He loves researching as it is his hobby as he never found another better hobby to fit him. He wants to get promoted and become a professor, and then, get some reputation. He wants to get more money after he gets some reputation.

He took his college at Hong Kong University, researching lots of things. Before that he lived with his parents for 26 years and had to leave them to go to college and get his PHD. He says it is hard because he has lived there for 26 years, and it is very hard to leave your parents when you have been with them for a long time. But he still went to college to get his PHD. During his years of college, he researched some things to know more, and study deeper.

Now he works at Indiana University like my dad. His job is to research more about cancer and how to cure it. He loves his job of researching. He says it is really fun and he wants to help patients to try and overcome cancer. He chose this job because there was no other ability he liked more than researching.

Currently, his major focus is in biotics and is getting his work published by other people. He says that it is an academic reputation when you work with someone. He thinks it is a mixed emotion because this sometimes lets him have more time with his family, but he also has to work at a pace to get enough money for his own family, which is really hard work. He says that it is the work that he does that makes him and other people happy. It feels like making a special contribution to all human beings. "My life long goal is to become a professor, get more reputation, and money," said Dr. Zang.

Fun Facts: Did you know that Dr. Yong Zang has two daughters? His two daughters were called Agnes and Alicia, and he told me that they were using up his money. Agnes is also my best friend. Did you know that my dad was Dr. Yong Zang's friend? My Dad's name is Dr. Tao Tang, and Agnes, my friend, is writing about him. He has a different personality than Yong Zang. They both love to eat together. That is also a way that he overcomes a challenge.

Lu Wang
Kind and Helpful

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By: Claire

Lu Wang is known for his data analytical research in operations management at BSU. He lives in Indiana and has a daughter and a son. His daughter has a guinea pig and a turtle. While his son has only a turtle.



Lu was born on 1987/11/24 in China, and by then, there was not a very good environment. When Lu was in 6th grade, he started to save up money to buy one of his favorite soccer team shirts, so from that day on for 5 months he and his best friend and the same lunch. That just proves how strong their friendship is.

After some effort, he finally bought the shirt, but when his mother found out, she grabbed her scissors and cut the shirt in half right in front of him. But that did not make him give up. After a few years, he started to get more and more shirts, and then he had over 50 soccer shirts!

One day at school Lu got curious about his friend's glasses, and so the second time he wore the glasses, he thought that he looked cool! So he wore it for a long time, but then he felt dizzy. It turns out to be that since he wore the glasses that he should not be wearing, eventually he also got glasses.

By then, there were 60 to 70 students! Just imagine having over 60 classmates in the same room! One day, Lu was studying hard for the test tomorrow when suddenly the game controller caught his sight.

His hands just reached for it. He just can't control it, and so at the end he played video games for 30 min and studied for 1 and a half hours. The next day, out of 60 or more classmates, he got 3rd! After many years, he became a professor.

Did you know that Lu Wang loves puppies? He likes them because he said that they are cute, fluffy, and energetic.

Alexis Reed
TME STEAM Club Coach

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Toby Koo

Photo from Kristeen Waddell

Alexis Reed at the FIRST Robotics World Championship.



Alexis Reed is a coach of TME STEAM Club, which has 12 team members. She has been a coach for the TME STEAM Club FLL Challenge team for 2 seasons. Her other jobs as a 44 year old are being a stay at home mom and a substitute teacher at Carmel High School (which is home to 2 FRC teams).

She first got the idea to start the team from both a visit to Cleveland, Ohio, and her older son's sports team. She decided to found the team as a FLL team because it would teach the members how to work together as a team with new people without making the members play a sport that they don't want to play.

The team started as an FLL Explore afterschool activity 1 season before the FLL Challenge team and the separation of the levels began. The FLL Challenge teams (there were 2 to start with) were mentored a lot by the Carmel High School Techhounds. The next season, the team was still made of a lot of rookies, but there was still mentorship from the Carmel High School Techhounds and the team had "veterans" to teach the new kids, leading to the team's trip to Houston for the FIRST Robotics World Championship.

Reed says that she loved seeing the members grow and get excited when something good happens. The amount of potential in the members makes her happy along with the members connecting. The members aren't only learning to be good at their job, they are learning to work together as a team. After all, teamwork is the team's favorite core value. She says the challenge of coaching is remembering what to tell the team members during the normal meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

She plans on being an artist in the future and creating new adventures after the TME STEAM Club is no longer a club. She plans on doing this because she believes life is a gift and you should live it to its fullest. Her favorite food is any salad with a (in her opinion) good vinaigrette. Currently she is working on getting the team ready for the next FLL season.

Mo Guan:

A financial analyst at work

April 27, 2026

By Summer Zhu

Mo Guan is hard at work every single day. She is a financial system analyst in Government. She has a strong passion for technology and financial work. She works hard every single day to help her and her community.

Mo Guan had a strong passion for technology. She works hard every single day. She has a daughter that is 12 years old. She works 5-6 hours a day 4 days a week. She used to work in the army and she moved to Indiana from Texas. She was born in Texas and immigrated to the U.S. She hosts many parties to relax and have some fun. She has many coworkers that help her and encourage her. She has this job to this day because of her mentors. They inspired her everyday and eventually she got the job! She works hard with her coworkers and staff to help us and our community. A quote from Mo Guan is,

“I love my job and helping out the community!”

Mo Guan has a very interesting life. She works every day and still helps her family out every single day. Mo Guan had been in the army before in Texas. She met her husband there who was also in the army. Mo Guan is a wonderful person and will keep on helping her and your community. Mo Guan is helping not only our state, but the whole country.

Liu Zi Yue

The guy who worked very hard to achieve his goal.

5/2/26

By Terrence Lin

Liu Zi Yue came to America from rural China. He worked very hard to achieve his goal: To understand biological and medical problems using mathematical tools that China didn't have back then.

Liu Zi Yue was born in the Henan Province in China. There, because he was born in the rural area, it was cold in the winter and hot in the summer. It was a few hours away from any nearby city. It was very boring as a kid. He came from there to America as he worked to achieve his goal; To understand biological and medical problems using mathematical tools. If he could, he would have stayed in China, but at the time there were no programs that helped him achieve his goal.

He came to America, as I already stated, to achieve his dream. He likes America a lot, of course he still likes China. He states, "There is a lot more freedom here (America) compared to China." He likes his job because it was why he came to America in the first place. He uses models to see what they can do with mathematical tools. He teaches biostatistics. He works with data and is constantly trying to get it published. He works on the Campus of IU. At the crossing of Martin Luther King Jr Street. This is at the north end of the big canal at Indiana. He works at his office, usually on the weekdays, and occasionally weekends. He thinks that his job is unique because he said, "There is one old saying that says that if you focus on one thing it is boring." He thinks his job is fun and exciting. Though sadly, he hears criticism about his job sometimes. Still, they work hard and have fun. Even though he is a very talented and smart person, he has never been in charge of a major project. He helps many people like teachers and professors. So incidentally, he has never been in charge of a big project.

Liu Zi Yue is a very self-determined, bright and supportive person. Many people misunderstand that he is not very talkative with people he does not know. Though when he gets to know them, he talks a lot. He thinks that many people think that because they see him talk with people, he is familiar with, and never do they think that he is not talkative. He currently lives with his wife Fang and his son Jay in Whitestown, Indiana.

Benjamin Lu:

An excellent student at Carmel High School, A student with perfect grades.

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By Andrew Huang

Benjamin Lu is an outstanding student who excels academically at Carmel High School. He focuses on getting excellent grades and being the best student at his school. He says earning top grades is difficult because it requires consistent studying over a long period of time. "...because it is a long process and sometimes, you have to work extremely hard."



He also finds being the best student hard because everyone is competitive and wants to be the best at everything and be at the top. "I think the most challenging thing I have met is to be the best at everything, because everybody wants to win everything, and to be at the top."

He is proud especially because he worked through all the hard things, and to become a good student. However, he sometimes does not get a good grade or is not happy. He learns that you can get into a better mindset, about the moral, if you keep working hard, you can get what you want to get. Benjamin learns that when you do something in the past that you are not happy with, you could only change what's in the future, but not in the past. "You could not reverse it or just quit. Look forward to a better future, and imagine that if you keep trying hard, you can get it to be better and try to develop that mindset, rather than a negative, and quitting mindset."

His academic mindset leads him to many outstanding achievements, such as 2nd place in National History Day documentation, and Science Olympiad State with 1st place, and an awesome and outstanding SAT score of 1580. His academic achievements help him get into a good college. He isn't sure which college he wants to get in, but he is interested in Purdue or IU. He says that they offer a good option in what he is currently interested.

Benjamin's pursuit on academic excellence mainly comes from his culture. His culture tells him that they must be excellent, and have very high, and strict standards on themselves. However, he thinks that if parents put too much pressure on their kids can impact their health negatively, while he personally did not have such challenge. "In Chinese culture, the parents expect their children to be excellent at everything, which puts pressure on them."

Outside of academic education, Benjamin enjoys listening to music, and playing instruments. He says that it helps relax himself and helps him learn the correct choices. "I enjoy music, and I play many instruments, and playing many instruments is helpful relaxing myself." He also says, "Music is a way for me to extend my creativity, and it also helps me learn what's right, and what's wrong. Music isn't just playing the keys but is about the way you think about it."

To summarize, Benjamin is among the top students, and has very high standards for himself. He can manage pressure well and excel in academics. He enjoys listening to music and playing instruments.

Tang Tao

The professor who researches how the mouse can feel and taste food

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By Agnes Zang

Tang Tao is a hardworking person who researches eating problems, and even though he did not choose his favorite major, he still likes what he is working on right now.

Tang Tao is a scientist that began his career in 2017, but in the beginning of his career he had trouble, because in east China university of technology, he did not choose mathematics as his favorite major. He wanted to change but was super uncertain that he would not switch successfully.

Then he went to work at IU University and researched how the mouse can feel and taste food. He also studies how the nerve sends the signal into the brain. By understanding this, we can learn more about eating behavior and help the people who have trouble eating.

His goal in working at IU university is to understand the fundamental mechanism of how our brain controls our eating behavior. He has already discovered some of the genes can control some specific taste like sweet and sour. He has not yet discovered how specific cells respond to all different tastes.

Tang Tao is a very self-motivated person that accomplished most of his research and now he did really well in his research.

He is happy with his job because he thinks he earned enough money, even though he works from early in the morning to late in the night. He uses the money he makes to make sure his family is living happily and that nothing bad is happening to his family.

MingMing Feng
Professor

Dateline: 4/28/26

Byline: Daniel Sang

MingMing Feng is a professor with a Ph.D. in Accountancy, following a Master's in Economics. She earned these degrees by getting organized and by preparing for her upcoming classes. While she teaches, she thinks you have to be passionate about your job, care about your job, and be prepared for your job. Preparation is really important to Ming Ming Feng.



As a child, MingMing Feng's dream job was to be a professor. She thought it was the best job in the world, so she gave it a try. One quote she said was "I think it's the greatest job in the world..." She went to the University of Missouri, and after she tried it, she was going to do it. She liked being a professor so much that it was the only job she tried out. She also plans to do the same job as her next job because she REALLY liked it.

While MingMing Feng became a real professor, there were different things that she thought about. One thing she thought was that you shouldn't just teach your students, you should also learn with your students. Some reasons why she liked teaching were that she thought it was the best job in the world, it was easy to balance, and it had a flexible schedule.

MingMing Feng also liked to do many things away from work. Some hobbies she had were reading, traveling, walking, and swimming. She liked doing these things because, for the walking part, she would get calmer. While she read, she would get to know more about the author, and by swimming, she would get healthier, and she likes to be around her friends.

Today, MingMing Feng lives in Michigan, continuing to be a professor, working with students while she hangs out with them at the same time. Some more reasons that she liked being a professor were that she didn't have to sit in an office 24\7. Maybe, she might even be a professor again for her next job!

The Life and Work of Jie Xue

5/3/26

By Emma Xue

Jie Xue is a hardworking scientist who works at Eli Lilly in Indianapolis. He spends his days helping to create medicines that can help sick people feel better. His job is very important because the things he discovers in the lab can change the lives of many people around the world. He shows up to work every day ready to solve tough problems and work with his team to find new answers in science.

In his daily life at work, Jie has to communicate with many other people on his team. They work together to solve difficult problems and come up with new ideas. He is known for being very patient and organized when things get busy. Even when there is a lot of pressure to get results, he stays calm and continues to follow the steps needed to reach his goals.

Outside of his job, Jie is a person who enjoys learning and staying active. He likes to spend time thinking about how things work and finds ways to stay productive. He treats everyone around him with respect and is always willing to help out when someone has a question. He is a dedicated professional who takes his responsibilities at Eli Lilly very seriously every single day.

Jie Xue is a great example of a person who uses their time to help the community through science and dedication.

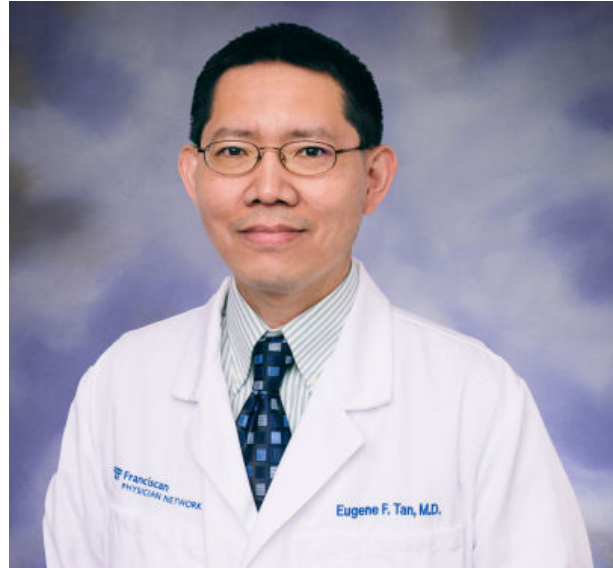
Eugene Tan

Passed medical ECFMG exam.

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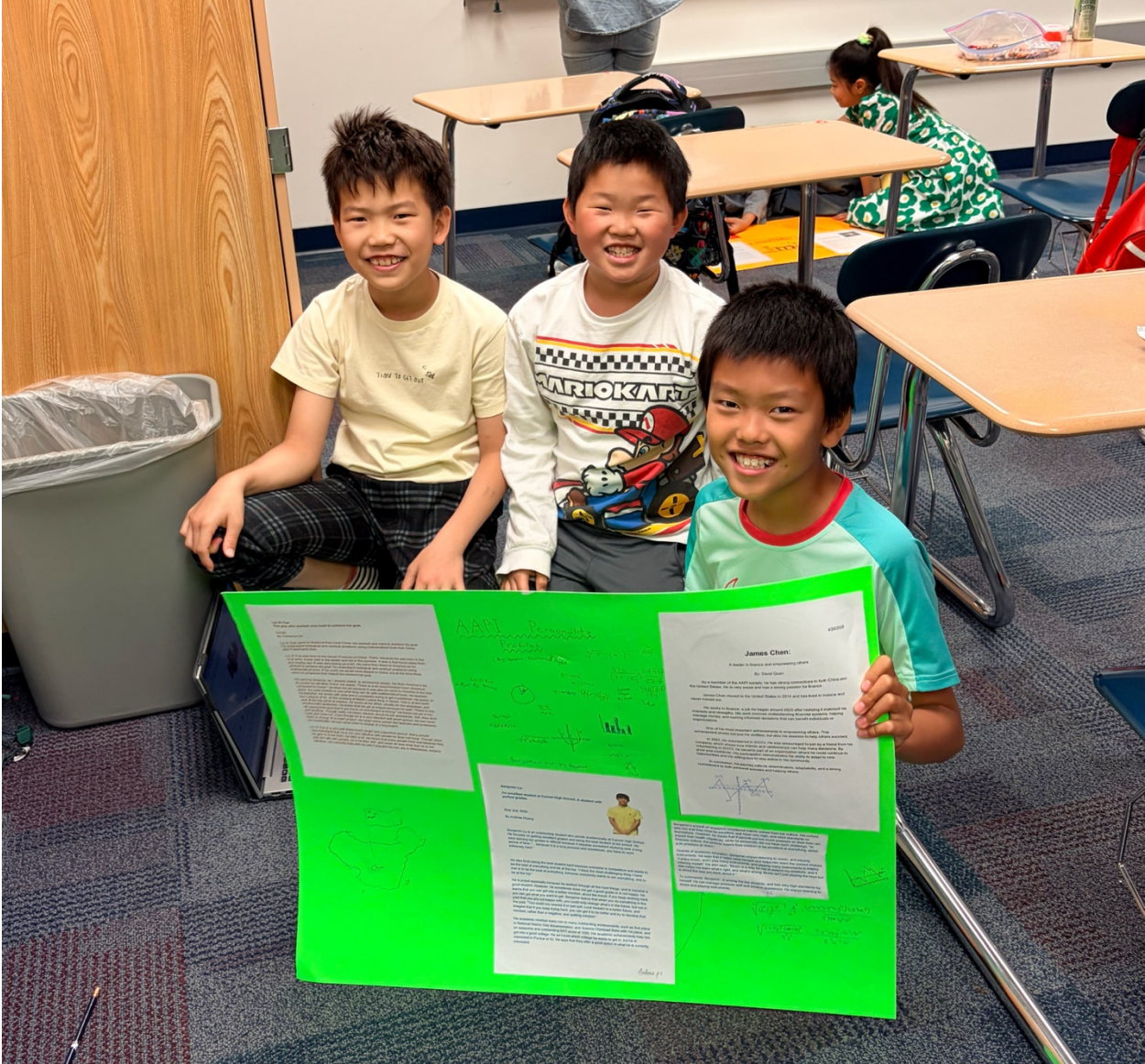
After taking it three times Dr. Eugene Tan finally passed his medical ECFMG exam. He failed it in Chicago and Atlanta and finally passed it in Philadelphia. He passed it in 2008 and passed it by taking a review course instead of taking the test with minimal preparation.

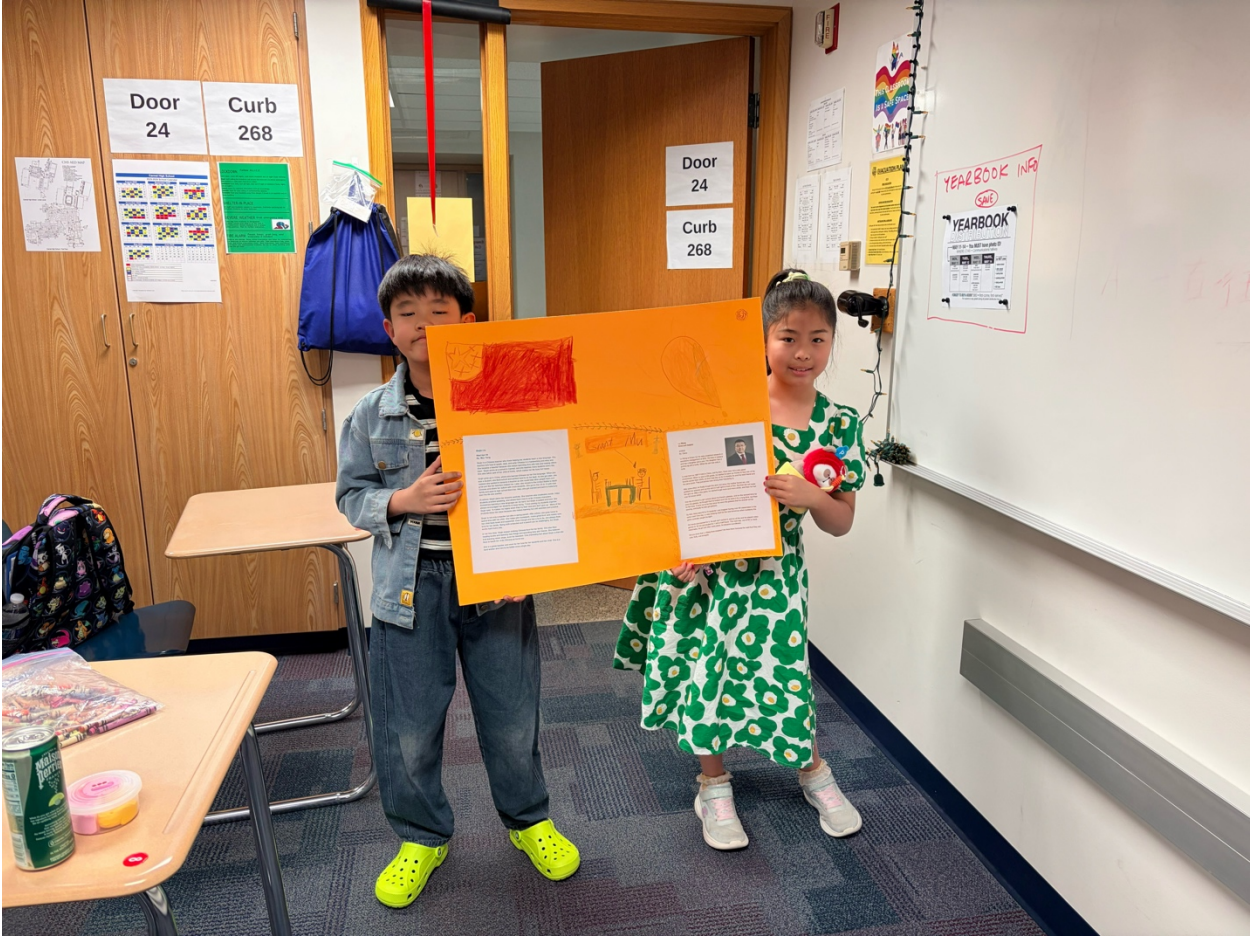


The exam has 4 parts: Step 1, Step 2, Step2CS, and Step 3. On the first attempt he passed Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3, but not Step 2CS which took him all 3 attempts to finally pass. Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3 were computer based exams. During Step 2CS though, he had to treat a fake patient that would grade him on how he managed it. During the computer exams they were very strict; he wasn't allowed to bring anything. Step 1 and 2 were 1 day long (8 hours each) and Step 3 was 2 days long (total of 16 hours), but he thought that Step 3 was the easiest, because it was more clinical and did not rely on rote memorization. Step 2 CS was more subjective and based on evaluation by the fake patient. Fake patients were also known as “standardized patients” which means trained actors. Eugene said that he probably failed it because he was a little too fast with the patients and didn't ask all the right questions.

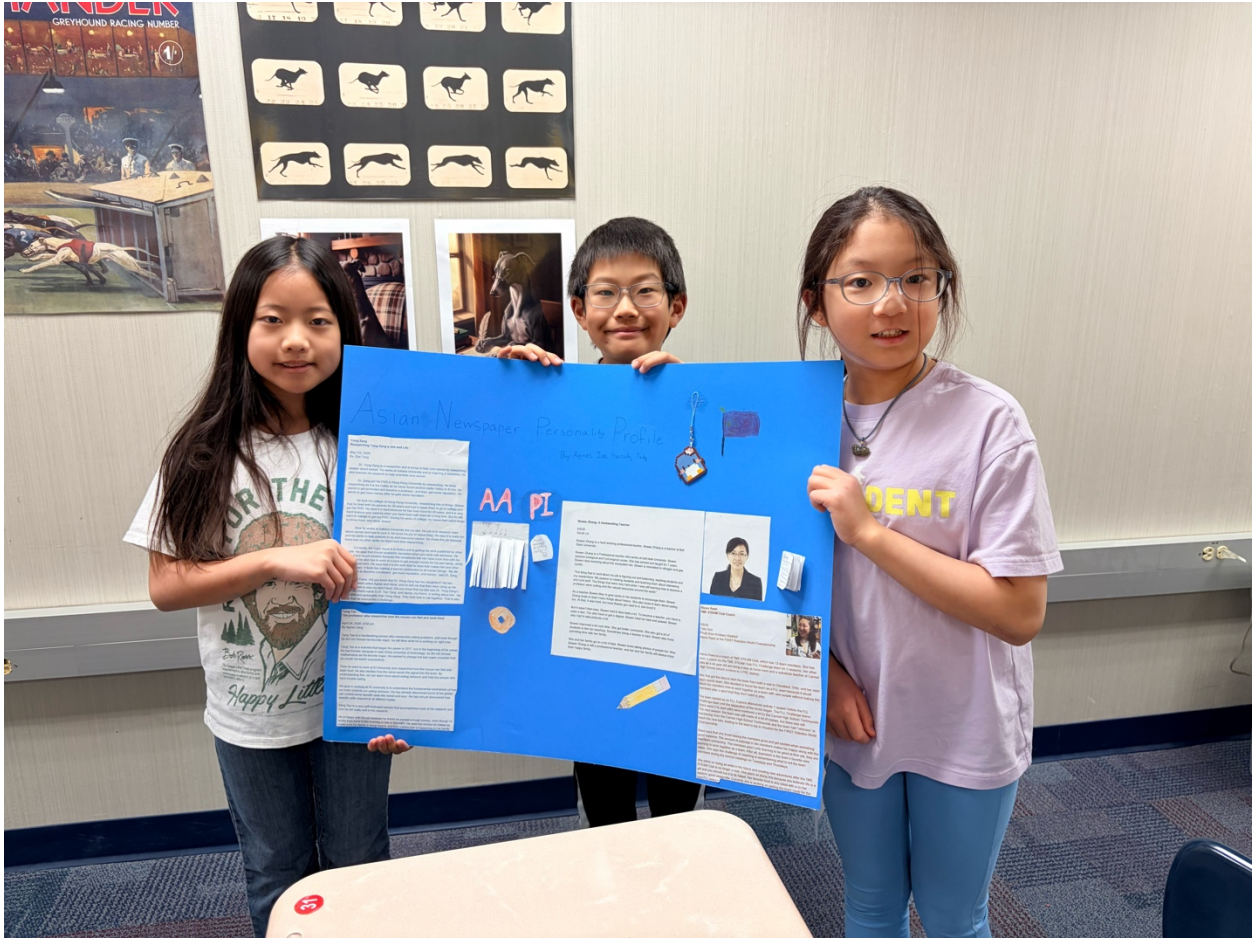
The Step 2CS was discontinued and removed.











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