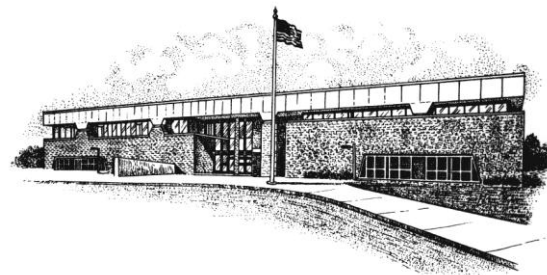


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To Whom It May Concern:

I invited Professor Lin Lin to speak to my Global History and Geography I classes on April 24, 2009 about contemporary issues in China. She spoke to six Global I classes for myself and other Global I teacher. Her energy and enthusiasm never faltered throughout each of the forty-two minute periods.

Lin Lin began her talk with a PowerPoint filled with information and images on China's more recent historical events including the Cultural Revolution, Tiananmen Square, and the reign of Mao Zedong. She then moved to more contemporary topics including industrial pollution of the major cities, corruption in the government, and the recent trend of westernization in China. She included pictures of her own family to illustrate typical life in China today.

Upon finishing the presentation, Lin Lin allowed time for a question and answer period. Students were most interested in Lin Lin's personal experiences with Tiananmen Square and the Cultural Revolution. While these topics are still taboo in China, Lin Lin addressed each question with candor and detail. The students were enthralled with her participation in the protests at Tiananmen Square, and her parents' experience as educators during the Cultural Revolution. The students were so engaged, they barely noticed that the period was over when the bell rang.

The students continued to reference Lin Lin's presentation until the end of the school year. Many wrote about the information that they learned from her talk on their final exam for my Global I course. Her presentation provided depth and a personal perspective to a very brief survey course. I know that my students have been impacted by her stories, and will remember them for years to come.

Sincerely,

Julie Hempson