

# WEEK 4&5

# Chengdu American Center

## **A Glimpse into Class**

In the past couple of weeks, classes at the G-MEO Chengdu American Center have been going robustly. Besides professors' formal instruction, students' presentations and group work were demonstrated in class. A course diagnosis survey was sent to students to collect their feedback after the first few weeks in fall semester.



Introduction to
Financial
Accounting Class



presentation in World Music Class

Everyone Escaped Room successfully



Students were playing UNO, chess, and other games in the lounge area



#### **Student Voice**

"On October 15th we went to Escape Room and the theme we played was called "Yayoi", which I've been longing to play. Because of the Covid, I haven't been able to play Escape Room with my friends for a long time. Thanks to G-MEO program, so we can gather again and have fun together. Moreover, we have formed many clubs, such as food club, board game club, music club and so on. Our first food tour was an unforgettable experience that everyone was sharing their school, hobbies, daily life at the table while enjoying the delicious food. Those activities have enriched my extracurricular life. Thanks to G-MEO for offering me this opportunity to make these unforgettable memories in Chengdu."

#### **Rich Extracurricular Activities**

By committing to international education, missions of G-MEO are not only to offer high quality academics but also to build a learning community with rich, diversified, and fun extracurricular activities for students to entertain, relax, and make new friends. In addition to the weekly activities planned on the calendar, cards, chess, and other board games are set in the lounge area; student interest groups are also formed.



First food tour organized by the Student Foodie Squad



#### **Guests from FDU China Office**

In the Week of Five, the Center welcomed the Executive Director Dan Plaut, and Assistant to the Executive Director Zoe Zheng from the China Office of G-MEO partner Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU). Led by the Center's staff, the two guests have had a comprehensive understanding of the program implementation by sitting in classes and meeting with faculty and student representatives. They commented that they were very happy to see students are enjoying the program and having this in-person study experience here in Chengdu.



Crystal Nie (G-MEO Staff), Sara Luo (G-MEO Staff), Dr. Yi Zhou (G-MEO Faculty), Dan Plaut (Executive Director China Office, FDU), Zoe Zheng (Assistant to the Executive Director China Office, FDU)



Chess Game! Guess who won?



Explored a Hakka Earthen Building



Small group, big fun!

## **Trip to Luodai Ancient Town**

Lots of cultural and historical highlights of southwestern China have been embodied and displayed in those ancient towns in the suburb areas of Chengdu. In order to help our students to explore Chengdu to the fullest, out of town short cultural excursions have been arranged. Last weekend, a group of students visited Luodai Ancient Town where they got to learn about the Hakka culture, tried local snacks and strolled in those ancient streets.

#### **Student Voice**

"After finishing the 5th week of the G-MEO program, I have learned a lot not only about the program itself, but also the inner spirit of Chengdu, a prestigious city for tourism in China. For the program itself, this is an awesome academic program that allows me to study in person during this challenging pandemic period, and to avoid the online courses of 12-hours time differences. Moreover, by joining this program, I have met lots of students who share common interests with me; the teachers here are enthusiastic about teaching. Talking with them really made me comfortable when I asked them any difficult points. For the Chengdu city, I spent lots of my leisure time discovering it by searching the antique places and talking with native people, which I think was pretty impressive. Chengdu is also famous for its food and I tried a lot of food with different flavors."

#### **Student Voice**

"Many thanks to G-MEO program, which allows us to continue our study. In my view, this program is very considerate, because all the teachers, teaching assistants, and interns are doing their best endeavors to protect students' rights and interests. They have also arranged lots of interesting activities, such as short trips, without affecting our study plan. Staff team are very friendly and understanding, trying their best to meet our needs. Teachers are being responsible and patient in answering students' questions. Thanks to G-MEO program, which gives me a taste of what it is like to go to university in China."

-- Yuxin Kang, Business Administration Major, Junior

-- Yuchen Zhao, International Studies Major, Sophomore