

# WEEK 4-5

## Chengdu American Center

### Field Trip to Sichuan Cuisine Museum

Class-related field trips are arranged throughout the semester with G-MEO. On the 4th weekend of the program, the World Food and Culture class paid a visit to Sichuan Cuisine Museum. During the trip, the students got to learn about the history of Sichuan cuisine and classic kitchen wares, watch performances, and experiment with some of the raw materials of Sichuan cuisine. One of the highlights of the trip was that the students got to put on chef uniforms and learn to cook Sichuan dishes on their own.



*Prof. Seyler with his World Food and Culture class at Sichuan Cuisine Museum*



*Students were introduced to some historic and cultural relics by the guide*



*Students making panda steamed dumplings*

### Student Voice

"As an outdoor field trip for World Food and Culture class, we went to Sichuan Cuisine Museum last Saturday afternoon. In the museum, we walked through the historical corridors and learned about the formation and origin of Sichuan cuisine culture since the Warring States Period. In order to better understand the culture of Sichuan cuisine, the museum staff also led us in the experience of cooking Sichuan cuisine by ourselves. We were taught to make Panda Steamed Dumplings and Kung Pao Chicken. I was also awarded a certificate of 'Rookie Master Chef'. It was a really enjoyable experience to visit this 'eatable' museum, learn to cook, and eat dishes made on our own."

**--Zhiqiang Bao, Economics major, Sophomore from American University**

## Course Diagnosis

A week before midterm exams, a course diagnosis survey was sent out to collect the students' feedback and comments on each course. The Center always takes students' views seriously regarding the courses and will make necessary academic adjustments in collaboration with the faculty team.



*The Center's Director Sara Luo, Executive Director Dan Plaut, Assistant to the Executive Director Zoe Zheng, and partners of FDU's China Office*

## Donut Day

The Center has been hosting 'dessert day' in the staff office this semester. After successfully hosting a bubble tea afternoon, dozens of donuts were brought to the office with over twenty flavors. We are glad to see that our students could have the opportunity to gather in the office, have some treats, and talk with each other.



*The last two donuts were taken by Wenhan Zheng and Zhe Zhao (both from Stevens Institute of Technology)*



*Prof. Yang (Intro. to Financial Accounting & Intro. to Managerial Accounting) answering students' questions during her office hours*

## Guests from FDU's China Office

Last Thursday, the Center welcomed Executive Director Dan Plaut and Assistant to the Executive Director Zoe Zheng from the China office of G-MEO's partner, Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU). This was their second visit this semester. This time, they also invited their other partners to join the visit. At the meeting, the Center introduced our program operations to FDU's China Office and their partners, and explored new possibilities for further collaboration.

## Student Voice

"Because of COVID, I was studying at Zoom university for a whole year. But there was nothing I could do to change that. I participated in G-MEO's program last summer. And now I feel very happy to come to Chengdu to take in-person classes offered by G-MEO this semester. The learning environment here makes me feel like I have returned to school. Besides studying with G-MEO, the weekly activities (hotpot, field trips, donut day...) also make me feel enthusiastic about Chengdu. Moreover, the teachers are willing to answer all kinds of questions whether they are about the courses offered or suggestions about going back to campus."

**--Yishan Zheng, Finance major, Senior from Fairleigh Dickinson University**