

# UHM CHINESE FLAGSHIP SNAPSHOT BULLETIN



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## PROMOTION

### Discover Manoa with Chinese Flagship

October 21, 2023

On a bright morning in late October, the University of Hawaii at Mānoa welcomed elementary to middle school students and funders onto campus grounds for the Discover UH Mānoa Open House. Guests toured across the different locations on campus at their leisure, and experienced the many activities prepared for them by participating departments. On the day of the event, the Chinese

Language Flagship Center shared a table with the Center for Chinese Studies, both centers promoting the Chinese and Chinese Flagship majors to the visiting students. Visitors were even invited to participate in booth activities such as calligraphy writing, Chinese yo-yo, and a game of character matching. (Molly)



Hsin-Tzu Jen (GA), Kimberly Batson (Precapstone Student), Molly Wolyn (Student Ambassador), and Prof. Jiang "Julie" Li (Associate Director) (left to right) pose for a commemorative photo during the event



Chinese Language and Center for Chinese Studies volunteers at the Discover Manoa event overseeing guests and students interested in the Chinese programs offered at UH Manoa

## ACTIVITIES

### Chinese Corner

October 23, 2023: Chinese Charades

Our fourth Chinese Corner of Fall 2023 was hosted by our student volunteer, Kimberly Baston. This week's activity focused on Chinese Charades, or 你比我猜. The game consisted of two teams competing against each other to finish their word set the fastest.

One person was chosen as the word-guesser and was to stand in front of their team. Another team member was to stand behind the guesser while holding up a sign with Chinese words on it, making sure everyone in their team except the guesser knew the word. As for the rest of the team, they had to act out or use Chinese to describe the

word to the guesser. The guesser has the most crucial role in the game, since their ability to decipher what word their teammates are showing them determines how quickly they can progress through their word set. Words came in varying levels of difficulty, including words like Spongebob Squarepants (海绵宝宝), Snow White (白雪公主), and swimming (游泳).

Overall, this event successfully encouraged participants to use their Chinese to work together while having a friendly competition with fellow Chinese-learners! (Molly)



Student Ambassador and Chinese Corner helper, Molly Wolyn, holds up signs with the word 游泳 (swimming) and the Chinese idiom 见钱眼开 ("to open one's eyes wide at the sight of profit") over one of the guessers' heads

**November 06, 2023: Chinese Opera Masks**

The fifth Chinese Corner was hosted by our student ambassador, Molly Wolyn. The activity was about Chinese Opera (戏曲) and Beijing Opera masks (京剧脸谱).

The first half of the activity consisted of a presentation on the history of Beijing Opera and the meaning of the colored masks worn by the characters featured onstage. Afterward, we invited attendees to take what they have learned from the presentation and paint their own masks. We offered a multitude of different masks shapes at our activity, such as the fox face, the wide faced human, or the skinny-faced human. Once they decided on which mask they wanted to paint, they were given a collection

of Beijing Opera mask designs to draw inspiration from. While some students followed the provided templates, other students decided to paint their own unique and creative designs.

Finally, after everyone had finished painting their masks and were ready for wearing, the Chinese Flagship Instagram (@hichineseflagship) hosted a popularity poll, asking followers to vote for their favorite designs. The attendee with the most votes, Noelani Ramon – who made a beautiful fox mask decorated with lotus flower theming, embellished with a symmetrical design using predominantly red and green



Teresa Fu, one of the Flagship's Chinese tutors, and a Chinese Corner attendee browse through a catalogue of Beijing Opera masks, looking for design to base their own mask on

colors (bottom right) – was given the honor of being the face of the CLFC Instagram profile picture for a week. (Molly)



Students pose in cute and fun ways while wearing Beijing Opera masks they have painted themselves



The winner of the popularity poll, Noelani Ramon, strikes a celebratory pose as her photo is taken, which was later set as the temporary profile picture for the Chinese Flagship Instagram account

**November 20, 2023: Chinese Stamps**



Yu-Sheng Chang Laoshi, the visiting scholar from Taiwan as well as the lead teacher for this week's Chinese Corner, guides the attendees through the process of stamp-making

The last Chinese Corner of the Fall 23 semester received an influx of students eager to make their own name stamps (姓名印章). This concluding event was hosted by our guest, Yu-Sheng Chang Laoshi, a visiting scholar from Taiwan.

The event began with the collection of the attendees' Chinese names in order to format them for printing onto a piece of paper.

through paper, making sure it was written dark enough, and that it was coated with enough lead dust. Then, they pasted the paper onto their eraser. This process allows them to print their names onto the eraser, creating guiding lines to assist them when they eventually carve their names with the knife.

After a lot of patience and precision during the carving process, the names were finally ready for stamping! Apart from the standard red and black colors, attendees were also given a selection of colorful inks to choose from. Our enthusiastic attendees hurriedly began practicing stamping their name onto a piece of paper, ambitious to perfect the ideal, clean print.

At the end of the event, our student attendees shared their thoughts and impressions on name-carving. They expressed that certain names, due to their complicated structure, were difficult to carve compared to other names with simpler structures. And with the closing of this event, the Chinese Corner events of the Fall 2023 semester can now be declared complete!

After a quick introduction on what to do, attendees were then given a standard eraser, crafting knife, see-through paper, and the paper with their Chinese names printed on top. First, attendees had to trace their name onto the see-



The handmade name stamp activity requires students to write their name on paper with a dark pencil, then to imprint their names onto an eraser, before finally carving their names out from the eraser's surface

We thank all of our attendees for their participation in these fun, bi-weekly cultural events. We hope Chinese Corner has helped cultivate an interest in Chinese culture within you,

and that you had the chance to practice your Chinese with fellow students and staff. Looking forward to seeing you all again in the next Spring 2024 semester! (Molly, Angela)

## Dumpling Making Festivities at Chinese Table

December 1, 2023

In a burst of laughter, camaraderie, and the aromatic embrace of Chinese flavors, the Chinese Table event on December 1st unfolded into a delightful celebration of cultural exchange and gastronomic joy. The venue buzzed with excitement as Chinese Flagship students, the Associate Director, Prof Julie "Jiang" Li, faculty members, including Prof Haidan Wang, Jing Wu Laoshi, and Chinese Section graduate students. The people gathered to embark on a culinary journey filled with laughter, learning, and the art of dumpling-making.

From noon to 3 pm, the lively gathering transformed into a dumpling haven, where participants immersed themselves in the age-old tradition of crafting these delectable parcels of happiness. The event's highlight was the hands-on activity that allowed everyone to roll up their sleeves and create their own culinary masterpieces. The room echoed with the sounds of laughter and conversation as friendships flourished over shared ingredients and cooking techniques.

A symphony of flavors awaited the participants as they had the choice between vegetarian and non-vegetarian dumpling fillings. Whether it was the savory blend of seasoned meats or the crisp freshness of garden vegetables, each participant found a canvas for their culinary creativity. Under the expert guidance of Prof Haidan Wang, Prof Jiang Julie Li, and Jing Wu Laoshi, the art of folding and sealing dumplings was demystified, turning novice chefs into dumpling virtuosos.

The aroma of sizzling dumplings wafted through the air, creating an intoxicating atmosphere that heightened the

senses and fueled the anticipation of the feast to come. As the dumplings cooked to perfection, participants exchanged tips, tricks, and anecdotes, creating a tapestry of cultural exchange that went beyond the culinary realm.

The event was not merely about creating delicious dumplings; it was a celebration of diversity, friendship, and the shared love for good food. As participants savored the fruits of their labor, each dumpling became a symbol of the connections formed, the laughter shared, and the joy discovered in the simple act of cooking together. This event put a perfect period for the Fall 2023 semester for all the Chinese Flagship Students. (Hsin-Tzu)



Ying-Yu Chen, Nini Li, and Nan Wang Laoshi carefully mold and shape another portion of dumplings for attendees to try once they have finished cooking



Participants at the Chinese Table dumpling-making event began by filling dumpling skins with their favorite fillings, followed by dipping their culinary creations into a boiling pot of water, allowing them to cook to a soft and springy perfection



Chinese Table participants work together and chatter amongst themselves as they prepare and partake in the savory and belly-filling homemade dumplings

## ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Welcome to the scholarship section of our newsletter, a dedicated space aimed at fostering academic excellence and supporting the aspirations of students in the UH Manoa Chinese Language Flagship Program. At the heart of our commitment is the belief that education should be accessible to all, regardless of financial constraints. This scholarship initiative serves as a testament to our dedication to empowering students and facilitating their educational journey. Recognizing the transformative power of education, we aim to alleviate the financial burdens associated with pursuing higher learning, enabling students to focus on their studies and personal growth without undue

stress. By investing in the UH Manoa Chinese Language Flagship Program through these scholarships, we seek to create a thriving academic environment that nurtures linguistic proficiency, cultural understanding, and global competence.

We are most grateful CLFC recently received a donation from the Alice & JP Wang Foundation to support study abroad in Taiwan. The call for applications will be announced soon. In addition to that, we are featuring the application details for some common scholarships the Chinese Flagship students are often awarded. (Hsin-Tzu)

### Boren Scholarship

Boren Scholars study a wide range of critical languages, including Chinese, Arabic, Portuguese, and so forth. Boren scholarships are available to undergraduate students of all proficiency levels who are committed to enhancing their skills. Maximum awards are determined by duration abroad:

- Up to \$25,000 for 25-52 weeks (preferred)
- Up to \$12,500 for 12-24 weeks
- Up to \$8,000 for 8-11 weeks (STEM majors only)

The 2024-2025 Boren Scholarship application cycle is now open. The application deadline for the Boren Scholarship is **January 31, 2024** at 5:00 p.m. ET. To apply, please visit: <https://www.borenawards.org/apply-now>



### Gilman-McCain Scholarship

The Gilman-McCain Scholarship provides awards of \$5,000 for child and spousal dependents of active or activated United States military personnel during the time of application (see [website](#) for details) to study or intern abroad on credit-bearing programs. The application is now open for applicants whose in-person programs or internships start between February 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024. This cycle encompasses Spring 2024, Maymester 2024, Summer 2024, Fall 2024, and academic year 2024-2025 programs. The deadlines are:

- Application: Thursday, **January 4, 2024**, Pacific Time
- Advisor certification: Thursday, January 11, 2024, Pacific Time



To apply, please visit: <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/program/gilman-mccain-scholarships/>



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