

Wuhan's first American-style boarding school



Campus of San New School

Recently, the San New School opened in Zhuankou. Founded by Fan Ben, a native of Wuhan who obtained a PhD from Harvard University, this secondary school is the first American-style boarding school in Wuhan.

This school provides open classes for free on weekends. Among these courses are classes on 3D printing, pottery, and music composition. Foreign teachers give lectures; students grade seven and up can sign up

for the classes and enjoy them free of charge. More open classes will be made available in the future.

"This school offers educational opportunities designed to create future leaders with global perspectives," Fan explained. Fan is an expert affiliated with China's "Global Experts Recruitment Program." After graduating from Harvard, he returned to Wuhan. He volunteered to tutor and train 27 local high school students. In

2014, all of these students were enrolled in world-class universities.

Foreign teachers account for 40% of the staff, Chinese people who have returned from abroad account for 40%, and local teachers account for 20%. The San New School aims to provide elite educational opportunities capable of developing students' moral, intellectual, and creative capacities. This school will enroll talented students from across Central China. Furthermore, every year, the San New School will provide financial support for 30 students studying in the U.S. on the condition that they return to Wuhan after they finish their degree programs. This school also has an agreement with the University of California, Berkeley. High school seniors will have the opportunity to study at Berkeley for one year.

This school will begin enrolling students next February. There will be less than 100 positions available.

Daughter donates liver to save mother



Tong Kun and her mother Photo by Zhou Chao

On December 9, Tong Kun had her pre-operation examination at Tongji Hospital. A little over a week ago, the Tongji Hospital Ethics Committee unanimously agreed to let Tong donate part of her liver to save her mother.

In 2009, Tong's mother,

Zuo Chunfang, was diagnosed with autoimmune cirrhosis of the liver. In July of this year, Zuo's condition began to deteriorate rapidly. Tongji Hospital informed Tong that the only treatment option left was a liver transplant. A preliminary examination revealed that Tong

and her mother are a match. Tong decided to give her mother part of her liver, but her parents and her relatives tried to dissuade her from donating.

Tong showed her mother many examples of successful transplant cases. Not only did she present the reports to her, but she also showed her mother photos. By the end of November, Zuo was still unwilling to let her daughter be a donor. Tong knelt down in front of her parents and, with tears streaming down her face, said, "I do not want to live with the guilt of knowing I could have saved you but didn't for the rest of my life." Finally, her mother agreed to let Tong donate part of her liver.

Mother and daughter win awards at volunteer service competition



Mother and daughter with their medals

On December 4, at the Chinese Youth Volunteer Service Competition, a mother and daughter from Hubei Province won gold and silver medals. The daughter, Qin Tian, is chairman of the Youth Volunteer Service Association at Wuhan Sports University. Her mother, Geng Hui, is in charge of Xiangyang's Caocao Volunteer Association.

Qin has been volunteering with her mother at orphanages and nursing homes since she was a young girl. After starting college, she decided to continue her volunteer work there. She won a silver medal for her plan to help handicapped people.

Literary seminar held for college senior



Qu Bowen with her book

On December 8, Hubei University of Education held a seminar for Qu Bowen's novel *Mobius*.

Qu Bowen is a senior in the School of Chinese Language and Literature. She has loved literature since she was a child. In high school, she wrote a collection called *I'm 17 This Year*; with this piece, she became the youngest member of the Hubei Writer's Association.

"A significant portion of the plot for my new novel came from life and stories my friends have told me," explained Qu Bowen.