It has been an unusual year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, for the students attending Chongshi Girls School in Zhenjiang. Even though the global pandemic forced the school to teach classes remotely, however, the girls still worked very hard and had a good year. They studied hard and adapted well to the online classroom. To help alleviate some stress the school has encouraged the girls to read more books, especially books by Pearl S. Buck and books about strong women in history. A Read and Share book club was started, and the girls have been encouraged to share their thoughts about books they have read.

Emotional health is also a priority for the students, especially during these trying times of living through this global pandemic virus. The students have been encouraged to live the core legacy of Pearl S. Buck by supporting each other. Teamwork is promoted with activities such as “Singing in May” and “Youth Ceremony” where the girls celebrate each other.

As part of the girls’ education outside of the classroom, Chongshi Girls School participates in an exchange program that enriches the student’s lives by broadening their minds and helping them develop better communication and language skills. The girls have visited the United States, Spain, South Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

The Chongshi Girls School students are looking forward to a new school year and the hope and success it will bring. Thank you to all the sponsors and donors who support these girls in their educational efforts. Your kindness is truly appreciated!
On Thursday, October 1 from 12 noon – 1 pm EST, Pearl S. Buck International will host its annual Living the Legacy Fundraiser.

This mission-focused event always leaves attendees inspired by the great purpose and extraordinary work of Pearl S. Buck International as they:

• Discover the important and critical role Pearl S. Buck International continues to play in the world through humanitarian aid, human rights advocacy, and intercultural education

• Hear from people, in their own words, sharing how Pearl S. Buck International’s work and Pearl S. Buck’s legacy have impacted and changed their lives

• Learn about all the wonderful new initiatives your support is making possible, including a fully virtual High School Global Leadership Program, construction of our new Conference and Event Center, and the expansion of our Welcome Workplace diversity and inclusion education program.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing limitations, Living the Legacy will take place as a hybrid event this year. The virtual component will be a professionally produced, television-quality livestream, which can be viewed by going to the Pearl S. Buck International website, https://pearlsbuck.org/.

Living the Legacy is NOT a typical fundraiser. There is no auction or cost to attend. For those who are inspired by the moving stories, there is an opportunity to make an optional donation. The most important gift, however, is that of attendees’ valuable time.

The theme of this year’s event, based on Pearl Buck’s book of the same name, is “What America Means to Me.” The keynote speaker is Falesha Grasty, Pearl S. Buck International Board of Directors Treasurer, who will speak about her experience as a Black woman, mother, and working professional as well as the current conversations regarding racial inequities and social justice and Pearl S. Buck International’s role in that ongoing story. 

Keynote Speaker: Falesha Grasty