



140 Years of Students Succeeding at Chongshi Girls' School

2024 marks the 140th anniversary of Chongshi Girls' School in China, a legacy Pearl S. Buck International supports thanks to the generosity of child sponsors.

Having made it successfully through the pandemic, the daily lives of the students at the school returned to normal with the implementation of programs and projects to help graduates of the school inherit and pass on the spirit of Pearl S. Buck.

Activities the girls participated in included a visit to the Pearl S. Buck Museum and a lecture on "Pearl S. Buck and her Chinese Hometown of Zhenjiang." Many of the students participated in an oral English contest as well as took part in the newly formed Pearl S. Buck Reading Club. While study abroad opportunities continue to be suspended, the girls engaged in online activities with their sister school La Salle, in Girona, Spain, Hong Kong Diocesan Girls' School, and Taipei Wesley Girls' High School. The school hopes to offer study exchange opportunities to its students again in the near future.

The sponsored seniors held a party before they graduated, in which they shared their experiences at the school and thanked Pearl S. Buck International and their sponsors. Each of the students made a short video and wrote emails to Chongshi and PSBI to show their sincere gratitude.

The priority of all the projects and programs implemented this past year was to provide good opportunities for all the students to overcome their difficulties, comprehensively develop skills, and help each of them have a better life in the future. Plans to continue supporting the students at Chongshi include exploring new ways to help the girls find more chances to enter colleges and universities abroad upon graduation.



60th Diamond Anniversary Gala

May 16, 2024

Hidden Gems Exhibit Continues Through End of May

Pearl S. Buck International will continue its yearlong 60th anniversary celebration this year with a Diamond Anniversary Gala on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at the Pearl S. Buck Estate in Bucks County, PA.

This elegant event will not only celebrate this momentous milestone but will share six decades of our humanitarian, intercultural and educational work as we build on Pearl Buck's legacy and bring it forward into the future. This continues to be possible thanks to the dedicated generosity of Pearl S. Buck International's donors, supporters, and friends.

As the gala will coincide with the conclusion of PSBI's International Programs' Global Conference, those attending the gala will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with the directors and representatives of our global affiliate offices and learn about the amazing work they are doing in the field thanks to the support of child sponsors and donors.

Guests of this black tie-optional celebration will enjoy dinner, dancing, a raffle, silent auction, and .live auction. Live music will be provided by Dani Gold Band. Live auction prizes include a weekend stay in New York City at Christmastime;



a tour of the U.S. Capitol with Representative Brian Fitzpatrick; a personal tour of the Pearl S. Buck House Museum with Julie Henning, who was raised as Pearl Buck's daughter, and a signed copy of *The Good Earth*; a week's stay at a shore house in Ocean City, New Jersey; a traditional Mennonite meal for six catered by a professional chef; and ballroom dancing lessons with Brian Fortuna, who competed on *Dancing With the Stars* (current as of 4/12/24)

This event is sponsored by Kreischer Miller; RE/MAX 440; Univest; Mid Penn Bank; Fred & Taffy Schea; Pastor Doug & Julie Henning; Bee Bergvall & Co.; Meridian Bank; Dublin Town Center; Nehemiah Development Company; and Harleysville Bank (current as of 4/12/24).

Tickets to the gala are on sale now and are expected to sell out. Buy yours today at: <https://pearlsbuck.org/gala/>

In addition, *Hidden Gems: Fashioning A Legacy*, PSBI's 60th anniversary fashion and history exhibit, continues through the end of May. Tickets to the exhibit and combination tickets for the exhibit and a tour of the Pearl S. Buck House Museum are currently on sale through the website at: <https://pearlsbuck.org/hidden-gems/>