

好事即將臨門

Great Things Will Happen

My memories are recent, covering only the last six years. I happen to think that these were, perhaps, the most important years in the life of the schools. During this span, the schools moved into the modern era while keeping the character of the schools firmly rooted in the virtues established by Venerable Master Hsun Hua. The dedicated efforts of the faculty, parents, and students made this transition possible. In the last six years, Developing Virtue Secondary School

- Was adjudicated by the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service as a trustworthy school that can issue I-20s to foreign students. This allows students from other countries to obtain student visas (F-1 visa) to study at DVS.

- Was designated as a “candidate for accreditation associated with the schools division of Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).” The regents of the University of California system required all private schools in California to become candidates for accreditation by 2007. We accomplished this in 2004.

- Completed a three year Self Study which culminated in a three day visit by WASC in Spring 2007. In Summer 2007, WASC granted Developing Virtue Secondary School full accreditation for a term of six years (with a midyear visit in Spring 2010).

- Started regular meetings of the Parent Teacher Organization. We now have a thriving PTO.

- Energized the Associated Student Body at boys division. We now have a functioning student council and better communication between administration, faculty, and students.

- Strengthened the faculty and volunteer system.

While these accomplishments relate primarily to DVS, Instilling Goodness did not stand still during this time. Instilling Goodness Elementary School (IGES) appeared on some very prestigious lists this year. Of those schools (128) taking the California Mathematics League test, IGES was in the top 25 schools at number 23. In our seven-county region, IGES was number 1. For the American Math Competitions (AMC8), IGES is listed on the honor roll of the top 2-5% of the schools competing. The competition was entered by about 177,000 students from over 2,200 schools in several countries. We also had two students receiving national honors: Chris Yiu (top 1%) and Hwei Ru Ong (top 2-5%) received national recognition.

Looking forward to the next thirty years, I expect to see a thriving school with an international reputation for graduating world-class citizens. Stay on the path set by Venerable Master Hua and great things will happen!

(BY LEWIS BOSTICK, PRINCIPAL OF THE BOYS' DIVISION)

我的回憶都是近六年的事兒。適才想到，這六年，很可能是學校生涯中的黃金時代。這期間，學校一面致力於宣公上人對學校植根於德的期許，一面好整以暇地邁入了新紀元。多虧有老師、學生及家長多方的鼎力襄助，方使學校能有今天的局面。這六年，「培德中學」——

- 經「美國海關移民局」審核通過，為一足堪信賴的學校，可發I-20予外國學生。此舉令持學生簽證〈F-1簽證〉的他國學生可到本校就讀。

- 獲得「美西院校區域協會〈WASC〉」的初步認定資格。按，隸屬加大系統的大學評議委員會以二〇〇七年為期，納加州所有私立學校於「WASC認可學校」之麾下。這一步，本校已在二〇〇四年達到了。

- 已完成美西院校協會的三年「自我研究」，最後在二〇〇七年春季美西院校協會做了為期三天的察訪。二〇〇七年夏季，美西院校協會授與培德中學六年完全認證（二〇一〇年春季時將有一次期中訪問）。

- 「老師暨家長組織會議」已開始定期召開。如今，此一組織正日見茁壯發展。

- 活化了男校的學生會。現在本校擁有一功能健全的學生評議會，可在學校當局、教職員與學生之間善盡溝通之責。

- 加強教師和義工陣容。

正當「培德」建立這些顯著成果的同時，「育良」也沒閒著。在今年公佈的優秀學校名單上，「育良小學」赫然在榜。在一百二十八所來自加州數學測試聯盟的學校裏，「育良小學」躋身前廿五名中的第廿三。倘若以我們臨近的七個郡來排名，「育良小學」則獨佔鰲頭。在「美國數學競賽」的榮譽榜上，「育良」亦名列前茅，排名於前百分之二到五之間。參與此項競賽的十七萬七千名學生，來自若干個國家，由為數超過二千二百所的學校所推派。本校也有兩位學生得到了全國獎：姚政行〈前1%內〉、王慧儒〈前2-5%內〉。

期待下一個三十年，我會看到一個欣欣向榮的學校，一個因畢業生遍及世界各地而斐聲國際的學校。在宣公上人鋪就的道路上好好期待著吧，好事即將來臨呢！

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