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**CHINA CENTER**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

2019 - 2020

*Building U.S. - China Bridges Since 1979*



Governor Walz and the China Champions were honored guests at the 2020 Chinese New Year party.

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*Note about Chinese names: The China Center's policy is to list an individual's name according to the custom of the place where they live (e.g., family name first for a person who lives in China).*

Dear Friends,

As I look back on the past year, it's difficult to remember what our lives and our work were like before the pandemic changed everything. I'm proud that we ended 2019 on an amazing high note—celebrating the China Center's 40th anniversary and bringing in the Year of the Rat with a wonderful gathering of friends, partners, and supporters featuring remarks from Governor Tim Walz.

We must now examine the role the China Center should play in its next 40 years and beyond in building bridges of collaboration and fostering exchange and understanding. In light of the ravages of COVID-19 and changes in the U.S.-China relationship, the China Center's mission is more critical than ever.

As intolerance, suspicion, and hostility grows, the China Center has strived to offer new opportunities to explore issues and provide a platform for dialogue. I encourage you to participate in our webinar series, *Considering China*, featuring local and national experts on a wide range of topics. We are also collaborating with the College of Design to host the first China Bridge Challenge, an annual competition for teams of undergraduates to work together on solutions to key challenges in the U.S.-China relationship.



Over these forty years, the China Center has relied on your support to carry out our mission. Thanks to you, we have welcomed Chinese students and scholars, connected the community to research and scholarship at the University, provided support to the Chinese-American community, and invited internationally renowned experts to share their experience and perspectives about China. Your generosity drives our work, your partnership guides our direction, and your passion builds U.S.-China bridges for the future. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Joan Brzezinski  
Executive Director

## Co-sponsored symposium focuses on aging and fashion

The China Center co-sponsored the Fashion and Active Aging Joint Symposium with the College of Design on September 27, 2019. The symposium focused on an important intersection between fashion and the aging population, bringing together 50 scholars from over 25 universities and institutions from the U.S., China, and other countries to disseminate scholarship, exchange knowledge, stimulate thinking, engage the public, and cultivate future collaborations.

Aging issues are becoming increasingly prominent for the U.S. and China as both are “aging societies” with a projected acceleration in aging over the next 30 years. Aging has profound implications not only on economic development and societal structures, but also on culture, lifestyle, and fashion needs. With a tradition deeply rooted in Confucian culture, Chinese people differ greatly from Americans in their aging values, attitudes, and behaviors. It was beneficial for both sides to engage in conversations and exchange on the shared topic of active aging. Eleven papers presented at the conference will be published in the *Fashion and Aging Special Issue in Fashion Practice: The Journal of Design, Creative Process & the Fashion Industry*.



## Strengthening partnerships in China

In January 2020, China Center Executive Director Joan Brzezinski traveled to China to visit University partners in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou, including the Beijing Education Commission, Peking University, Renmin University, the U.S. Embassy’s Education U.S.A., and Capital University of Economics and Business. At the end of her trip, Brzezinski joined Shailey Prasad, executive director of the Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility, in Guangzhou to visit Sun Yat-sen University. With support from the China Center and the China Office, Prasad also visited Shanghai Jiaotong University. He reported a successful visit to both universities, exploring partnership opportunities in research and educational activities across the health sciences and initiating meaningful connections.

## Sharing aspects of Chinese culture to support international students

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) hosted “Culture in Depth: Chinese Students at the UMN” on March 12, 2020, as part of the ISSS intercultural workshop series. Thirty-eight staff and faculty from across campus attended. During the workshop, a panel of Chinese students shared their personal experiences on campus. Haiyan Wang, assistant director of the China Center, shared information to help faculty and staff understand Chinese students. Participants of this workshop learned about the academic choices Chinese students make and how unique aspects of Chinese culture (such as collectivism, face saving, and hierarchy) impact the student experience.



## **Online forum communicates with Chinese parents**

In April 2020, the China Center and China Office collaborated with International Student and Scholar Services, Boynton Health, and the Parent Program to host a timely online forum for parents in China. The Mandarin forum reached over 240 participants in China, and many of these log-ins included more than one person viewing. The content-rich, clear, and compassionate program for the parents and students addressed their concerns regarding university policies related to COVID-19. To quote a parent, “Because of you, we, as parents, can feel free from worries and have comfort. Thanks!”

## **Providing summer fun in the Cities**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, many international students had to remain on campus rather than return home for the summer. To help keep these students connected, International Student and Scholar Services launched Summer in the Cities, featuring online and socially distanced activities, as well as suggestions for things to do, podcasts, and more. China Center staff added their talents and passions to the program. Qiuxia Welch delivered a webinar on women and minority-owned craft brewing in the Twin Cities, and Rusty McLagan shared his enthusiasm for Chinese cooking by leading a virtual cooking class on kung pao chicken. Staff also created walking tour itineraries around Minneapolis and Saint Paul, exploring sites such as U.S. Bank Stadium, the Stone Arch Bridge, and the Minnesota State Capitol, and suggested live Bollywood dance classes on YouTube that students could join for free. The China Center is grateful for the opportunity to share their interests with students.

## **Global health case competition focuses on e-cigarettes in Guangdong**

In January 2020, China Center Executive Director Joan Brzezinski served as a judge in the Global Health Case Competition: “There’s No Smoke, But Is There Fire?” Hosted by the Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility, this annual competition brings together graduate students, undergraduate students, and coaches from multiple disciplines to propose solutions to global health challenges.

Brzezinski served as a judge for a case that challenged student teams to develop a plan for mitigating the use of e-cigarettes and vaping products in Guangdong province. Teams of cross-disciplinary students spent a week putting together their proposal and presentation. Each team presented a public health plan and budget for the Guangdong Department of Health, as well as social media campaigns and related communications. The teams shared their understanding of Chinese society and smoking cultures. All presentations were impressive and tackled difficult issues in managing resources and building partnerships to change a public health crisis.

**The coronavirus pandemic has changed the face of international education for now,** but students are still eager to travel and study abroad. With the generous support of donors, the China Center hopes to soon be able to award scholarships again for University of Minnesota students to study in Greater China or enhance their academic experience.

## Study abroad scholarships open doors to China



### **Katherine Tomaska**

*Fall 2019*

*Hsiao Scholarship*

**PROGRAM:** *Engineering Exchange in Hong Kong, HKUST*

At the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, my roommate was from mainland China, and I became good friends with a local Hong Kong student living next to my room. It was really interesting to learn about new perspectives on world events, and I got introduced to a lot of new traditions and customs. I even slept over at one friend's house, and it was a really special experience to eat hot pot with her family and walk around the neighborhood where she grew up.

Before studying in Hong Kong, I really did not have any experience with Asian culture. I started my time abroad barely able to hold chopsticks and never having heard of dim sum. By the time I finished with my time in Hong Kong, I was learning to play Mahjong every Wednesday night, and venturing off campus for new food. I was very limited in my Cantonese, but I tried not to let that stop me!

One of my best memories was wandering into the second floor of a wet market where there was a whole room of food stalls. The menus didn't have any English or pictures, but I managed to get through with enough Cantonese to get my Hong Kong French toast stuffed with beef – an unexpected combination, but totally worth my struggle to get over the language barrier! I felt that I became much stronger as I tried to insert myself into the daily hustle and bustle of Hong Kong. Every time I tried something new or got lost riding the minibus, I ended up just learning more about Hong Kong, and I'm proud to say I feel as though I'm leaving a second home!



### **Gracie Johnson**

*Fall 2019*

*China Center Scholarship*

**PROGRAM:** *Engineering Exchange in Hong Kong, HKUST*

The culture I took in over the course of this semester has very much impacted how I will interact with people from different backgrounds in my life. I have a new understanding and

appreciation for the Asian cultures I have experienced. I plan to share my experiences and encourage others to see these cultures in a positive light. Many people I have connected with before this experience also had no immersion in Asian culture. I would now encourage everyone to travel to Asia to experience the amazing culture for themselves as well as the beautiful nature, tasty food, and interesting people.



### **Anna Frazier**

*Fall 2019*

*China Center Scholarship*

**PROGRAM:** *AC Chinese Flagship Program Taiwan*

Learning a language is no easy task and neither is navigating a new country. I have faced failure, embarrassment, change, and more all while being abroad and learning Chinese. There have been times that I have used the wrong grammar, or I misused a word. There have been times that I have been lost in a city I was unfamiliar with and times that I have been faced

with uncomfortable situations. All of these experiences have allowed me to develop skills such as critical thinking, perseverance, patience, and adaptability. These skills will benefit me greatly in the fast-paced environment of government organizations or interpreting companies. For both of these careers I will be able to use all that I have learned and put it to good use.

## **2019-20 Exchange Participants**

### **Chinese Government Scholarship**

Scarlet Hoffman

Trish Rose\*

Lai Xin Stoewer\*

*\*Postponed to spring 2021*

## **2019-20 Scholarship Recipients**

### **China Center Scholarship**

Anna Frazier

Gracie Johnson

### **Amy Xu and Michael Schumann Scholarship**

Katherine Hein

### **Hsiao Scholarship**

Katherine Tomaska

The China Center fosters an understanding of Chinese culture through a variety of events for the local community, from bringing leading experts to campus for discussions on pressing U.S.-China issues, to co-sponsoring community events.



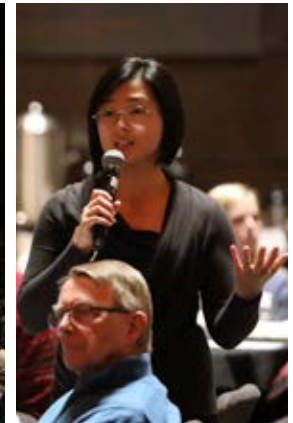
## 2019 CHINA Town Hall features engaging panel discussion

The China Center and Global Minnesota served as the local hosts for the 2019 CHINA Town Hall, a project of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations that took place at over 85 venues across the United States and China. On November 18, 2019, 120 guests gathered at McNamara Alumni Center for a reception with refreshments, followed by a live webcast featuring a panel of experts on the U.S.-China relationship.

The panel, moderated by George Stephanopoulos, chief anchor at ABC News, included Dr. Melanie Hart, senior fellow and director for China policy at the Center for American Progress; Stephen Orlins, president of the National Committee; Yasheng Huang, Epoch Foundation professor of international management and faculty director of action learning at the Sloan School of Management at MIT; and Ely Ratner, executive vice president and director of studies at the Center for a New American Security. The engaging panel discussion spanned a range of timely and pertinent topics, including trade policy, protests in Hong Kong, and Chinese domestic policy.

After the webcast, local speaker Chang Wang, senior partner for immigration and art law at Kingsfield Law Office, shared his remarks about the U.S.-China relationship. During a lively Q&A session, Mr. Wang answered questions from the audience on a variety of issues, including the Hong Kong legal system and Chinese students in the United States.

*CHINA Town Hall is a national conversation about China that provides Americans across the United States and beyond the opportunity to discuss issues in the relationship with leading experts.*







## Ring in the Year of the Rat

On January 30, 2020, more than 70 friends and supporters of the China Center gathered at the Weisman Art Museum to celebrate the Year of the Rat, the beginning of a new lunar cycle, and their shared efforts in building U.S.-China bridges.

This Chinese New Year was an exceptional one for many Chinese international students and community members, as the coronavirus outbreak impacted many families' New Year celebrations. To acknowledge this challenging time, the China Center invited Jill DeBoer, director of the Health Emergency Response Office, and Barbara Kappler, assistant dean of International Student and Scholar Services, to speak about the University of Minnesota's response to the coronavirus. China Center Executive Director Joan Brzezinski and Associate Vice President and Dean of International Programs Meredith McQuaid also welcomed guests and delivered remarks.



The highlight of the evening was a visit from Governor Tim Walz. Governor Walz expressed his gratitude toward Chinese international students studying in Minnesota, and discussed his own experience teaching in China, his experience serving on the China Commission in the House of Representatives, and the organization he founded to take students on educational trips to China. Governor Walz emphasized the importance of U.S.-China cooperation to address challenges such as the coronavirus and climate change, saying, "The world demands solutions, and the two countries best positioned to be able to do that are the People's Republic of China and the United States."





## Concert benefits those impacted by COVID-19

On February 23, 2020, the University of Minnesota China Center and School of Music jointly presented a benefit concert by renowned pianist and UMN alum Jacqueline Beihua Tang at the Lloyd Ultan Recital Hall. More than 130 people attended the event in support of those impacted by the ongoing coronavirus crisis in China and around the world.



The event raised money to support students and scholars impacted by the outbreak, and to fund infectious disease research.

Tang presented an exquisite collection of Chinese traditional music. The first three pieces shared a lunar theme, including “A Moonlit Night On the Spring River,” depicting a charming scene of a boat swaying under the shadow of the moon on a spring night; “Colorful Clouds Chasing the Moon,” presenting the scene of cloud and moon chasing

each other through vibratos and arpeggios; and “The Autumn Moon Over the Calm Lake,” a beautiful piano piece combining Chinese folk music and impressionist acoustics, bringing the audience into a peaceful autumn night with the lake water flickering and sparkling in the moon.

She also played “Hundreds Birds Worshipping the Phoenix,” one of the most famous Suona-horn songs in China, arranged by Jianzhong Wang for piano in the 1970s. Blending Chinese pentatonic melodies perfectly with western music elements, this piece of music mimics the voice of hundreds of birds chirping together, and brings the audience a festive atmosphere.

Joined by Mr. Ge Gao, graduate student at the University of Minnesota School of Music, Tang performed the famous “Ode to the Yellow River,” second movement of the Yellow River Piano Concerto. Full of grandeur and unrestrained deep passion, this piece has inspired generations of Chinese people to strive and forge ahead through difficult times.

To wrap up her performance, Tang played “Ode to Joy,” the famous piece from Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9. The audience joined in singing, wishing a bright future for humanity. The enthusiastic audience delivered long-lasting applause at the end of the performance.

The event also included remarks from University leadership, including Associate Vice President and Dean of International Programs Meredith McQuaid, China Center Executive Director Joan Brzezinski, Professor Alexander Braginsky of the School of Music, and Ziyue Zhang, president of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association.

## **2019-20** **Sponsorships**

The China Center is proud to support activities hosted by community and non-profit organizations to enhance the understanding of China and its culture.

### ***Minnesota International Chinese School***

2020 Chinese New Year Celebration

### ***Mall of America***

2020 Chinese New Year Celebration

### ***CAAM Chinese Dance Theater***

Journey to Dunhuang

### ***Midtown Global Market***

2020 Chinese New Year Celebration

### ***Alliance of Minnesota Chinese Organizations (AMCO)***

Embrace China -  
Minnesota Gala 2019

The new webinar series “Considering China” explores important topics related to China and encourages meaningful conversations and reflections. The series has not only attracted audiences from the University of Minnesota, but from greater Minnesota, across the nation, and around the world who engage with China in their work or interests.



## How Xenophobia Spreads Like a Virus

*Erika Lee • April 21*

Professor Erika Lee traced the history of anti-Chinese discrimination in the U.S. and outlined the role that disease and pandemics have played in xenophobia and xenophobic and racist policies. She explained how today’s virus-related xenophobia is related to the more recent backlash against immigration that began in the 1980s and 1990s, as well as more recent events such as the 2014 Ebola outbreak. Professor Lee concluded with a two-step guide to COVID-19: Wash your hands, and don’t be racist and xenophobic.



## The U.S. and China: Five Realities Beneath the Sound and the Fury

*Thomas Hanson • May 28*

Diplomat in Residence Thomas Hanson provided an overview of the history of the U.S.-China relationship, which has oscillated between periods of estrangement and mutual fascination. The talk spanned from China’s “core interests” in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Xinjiang, and the South China Sea; to competition over new technologies; to mutual threats such as climate change and pandemics. Mr. Hanson concluded, “We’re in a period of estrangement now and it may get worse, but we’ve got to be hopeful that there’ll be a new cycle and that we’ll move from estrangement to greater cooperation.”



## Pandas to Pangolins: Reflection on China’s Biodiversity Conservation

*Jim Harkness • July 29*

Over the past 40 years, China has experienced explosive economic growth and social change, which have come at a great cost to the environment. At the same time, passionate scientists, conservationists, and others in China have won significant victories in restoring endangered species and securing protected land for wildlife. Conservationist Jim Harkness traced the history of conservation efforts in China, while sharing stories from his own experience working with environmental organizations.





## **Who Is Going to Pay for It? The Pandemic Indemnity Claims Under International and U.S. Law**

*Alexander Morawa and Chang Wang • June 18*

Some U.S. and European government officials have expressed the desire to seek damages from China, where the coronavirus outbreak presumably originated. Alexander Morawa and Chang Wang, senior partners at Kingsfield Law Office, outlined the claims of lawsuits filed by the states of Missouri and Mississippi, in addition to class-action lawsuits filed by small business owners in Nevada. The speakers also pointed out that some commentators believe the current lawsuits are linked with domestic politics, as the mainstream media has reported a campaign strategy memo suggesting, “Don’t defend the President. Attack China.”



## **Blending Cultures Through Music: An Interview with World-Renowned Pipa Master Gao Hong**

*Gao Hong • August 19*

Professor Gao Hong provided an overview of the pipa instrument and its history, basics of pipa playing, and her own journey of building cultural bridges through music. Hong first came to the United States in 1994 for a musical tour. When she discovered that the pipa was relatively unknown in the U.S., she resolved to stay in the United States to share her love of the pipa and traditional Chinese music. Since then, she has collaborated with musicians from around the world.



**The China Center celebrated its 40th anniversary** in 2019–20, featuring a celebratory gala at McNamara Alumni Center on October 30, 2019. More than 250 friends and supporters celebrated the China Center’s 40-year history of building U.S.-China bridges. The evening began with a lively reception and silent auction, where guests had the opportunity to bid on 29 items ranging from Huxian peasant paintings to private dinners. Guests also enjoyed beautiful guzheng music played by Jarrelle Barton. Students from the University of Minnesota Chinese Culture Club dressed in traditional Chinese clothing visited and posed for photos with guests.

Associate Vice President and Dean of International Programs Meredith McQuaid congratulated the China Center on its role in connecting Chinese higher education institutions with the University of Minnesota. As guests began to enjoy dinner, China Center Executive Director Joan Brzezinski outlined the China Center’s accomplishments over the past 40 years, including programs, scholarships, and significant donors. Former China Center Director David Pui also shared remarks about his time at the China Center, along with his congratulations.

University of Minnesota Alumnus Mr. John Holden delivered the keynote lecture, “Minnesota to China: A 40-Year Reflection.” One of the first UMN students to travel to China in the 1970s before China opened to the West, Mr. Holden is Senior Director for China at McLarty Associates. Since his first trip to Asia in 1972, Mr. Holden has studied or worked for a total of 25 years in Taipei, Hong Kong, Beijing, and Kyoto. Mr. Holden’s engaging lecture spanned his fascinating career in U.S.-China relations, and concluded with a message on the importance of fostering friendship between the two nations.

The China Center thanks all who attended this special event.







The Mingda Institute for Leadership Training provides high-quality training and development programs for professionals from China. To date, the Institute has provided training for more than 3,000 Chinese education administrators, faculty, government officials, business leaders, and college students.



## Mingda Institute builds on long-term relationships

2019 was a year with both changes and challenges. The Mingda Institute for Leadership and Training welcomed seven groups of professionals and students from across China for various training programs.



One of the highlights of the training was the Changsha Education Bureau for Advanced Training on Core Competency and Professional Development for K-12 Teachers. They embarked on their first training program in September 2019, just as St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter and a special delegation were preparing for a trip to Changsha, China, from October 8-10 to celebrate the 31-year-old sister-city relationship. The Changsha delegation consisted

of high school teachers, principals, and administrative staff.

The three-week training was focused on core competency and professional development. Delegation members attended carefully curated lectures by Dr. Katie Pekel from the Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development, as well as the Mingda Institute for Leadership Training. The delegation also visited various schools in the Twin Cities area to learn about how positive behavior intervention and support are implemented in schools.





## 2019-20 Training Programs

Harbin Institute of Technology  
Education Philosophy and  
Pedagogy Seminar

The 1st and 3rd People's  
Hospital of Lanzhou Advanced  
Hospital Management  
Exchange Program

Changsha Education Bureau  
Advanced Training on Core  
Competency and Professional  
Development for K-12 Teachers

Sichuan University Higher  
Education Administration  
Exchange Studies Program

The Second People's Hospital  
of Lanzhou City Advanced  
Hospital Management  
Exchange Program

Transportation Studies

Xidian Student Swimmers

The University of Minnesota is working hard to safely serve students, faculty, and staff alike, as all collectively cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mingda Institute is adapting and working closely with faculty and staff at the University to bring the highest-quality training program to an online platform. We are working with Dr. Jeff Lindgren, the interim co-director of the University of Minnesota Center for Educational Innovation; Dr. Ryan Armbruster, a senior fellow in the Division of Health Policy and Management; and Dr. Eugene Allen, former provost for professional studies, to develop programs like our Education Philosophy and Pedagogy Seminar, Hospital Management, and Higher Education Administration. The Mingda Institute will continue to innovate and collaborate with University partners to deliver our programs through different formats to meet the constantly changing needs of our Chinese partners.

The University of Minnesota's China Office was established in Beijing in 2009 as the institution's first office abroad. The China Office is a critical resource to further develop educational, cultural, and social collaborations among China, the University of Minnesota, and the State of Minnesota. The China Office had another busy and successful year supporting educational exchange between China and the University of Minnesota.



## Online events support parents and students in China

China Office Director Fran Liu was invited to attend the Education U.S.A. live stream event on behalf of the University of Minnesota to share her experience studying at the University. More than 80,000 people participated in the event.



Amid the constantly changing COVID-19 situation, the China Office continues to provide updated information and emotional support to our more than 1,400 Chinese parents. Since March 2020, the China Office has hosted and participated in eight online information sessions, workshops, and webinars with more than 400 students and parents. The events recruited undergraduate students, advertised the GO Minnesota international visiting student program, and discussed the L.L.M. program in the Law School.



The China Office also continues to raise awareness about the University and its impact on social media. The office's WeChat account has seen an 18% increase in followers since September 2019. The China Office has also reached 13,300 article pageviews on WeChat, which is the highest in history.



### Visiting University partners in China

China Office Director Fran Liu was invited to travel with GO Minnesota Director Cathy Huber and Minnesota English Language Program Director Michael Anderson to visit leadership of higher education partners in China.



In January 2020, Liu traveled with China Center Executive Director Joan Brzezinski to visit partners and alumni leaders in Beijing, including the Municipal Commission of Education, Shanghai Jiaotong University, and Sun Yat-sen University.



### Alumni attend New Year party

The China Office hosted its traditional New Year party celebrating the Year of the Rat with the alumni community in Beijing. More than 80 alumni attended the event. New Beijing alumni chapter leadership was selected and represented at the New Year party.

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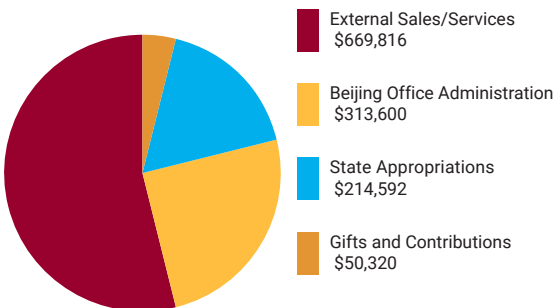


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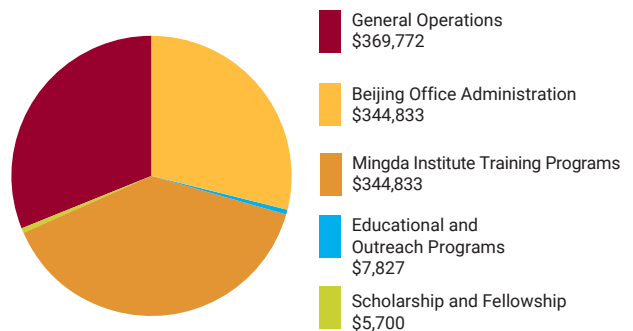
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### 2019-20 Expenditures Total: \$1,191,308



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## 2019-20 China Center Advisory Council

The China Center Advisory Council (CCAC) advises the executive director of the China Center, builds bridges between the China Center and faculty and academic units within the University, and strengthens connections between the University and the community.

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Jim Harkness

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亲爱的朋友们：

2019-2020年度是非同寻常的一年。我们在2019年9月举办了盛大的庆典，庆祝中国中心四十年来风雨不辍，为明尼苏达大学和中国建起友谊和交流的桥梁；又在魏斯曼艺术博物馆和蒂姆·沃尔兹州长及新朋旧友们一起恭贺新春，迎来了农历鼠年。面对新冠疫情和中美政治博弈的波谲云诡，我们仍然相信，美中两国人民的友谊和交流不会断绝。而此时此刻，更需要我们和您一起，维系友谊、促进理解、促成对话与合作，一如既往地服务于明尼苏达大学的学生、学者以及明州的华人社区。

在过去的一年里，我们在慷慨的捐助者和校内外各位合作伙伴的帮助下，取得了一些成绩，在此我向大家作一个择要汇报：

中国中心致力于与明尼苏达大学各院系合作，加强明大与中国合作伙伴的关系。2019年9月，中国中心与明大设计学院共同主办了“时尚与积极老龄化联合研讨会”。本次研讨会着眼于时尚与人口老龄化，汇聚来自美中25所高校和机构的50余位学者，传播学术、交流知识、为未来合作打下了基础。2020年1月，中国中心和驻京中国代表处协助明大全球健康与社会中心对中山大学和上海交通大学等合作伙伴进行了访问。

为促进社区对中国及中国文化的理解，我们举办了一系列社区文化活动，包括2019年秋季的众论中国和2020年初的汤蓓华慈善音乐会等。面对疫情后高等教育领域的新“常态”，以及中美关系的迅速变化，中国中心一直积极寻找新的形式来履行我们的使命。从2020年4月起，我们上线了新的网络研讨会系列，“思考中国”，以探讨与中国诸多方面相关的重要话题、鼓励多元对话和思考。这个系列网络研讨会迄今为止已经吸引了来自全美及世界各地逾千名观众。

尽管明大学生的海外学习在很大程度上受到疫情影响，中国中心红口袋奖学金、萧氏奖学金和须敏与麦舒曼奖学金仍然资助了多名本科生前往大中华地区交流或在校完成学业。2019年秋季，来自中国西南政法大学的李俊教授在中国中心林世平访问学者奖学金的资助下来到了双城，在卡尔森商学院进行了为期一年的访问交流。我们希望在疫情过后，能继续为明大的学生和学者提供多种多样的资助和交流机会。

这一年正如过去的四十载，起起伏伏、风云变幻，但正因为有您的支持和陪伴，我们依然风雨兼程、砥砺前行，为美中两国人民的友谊和交流略尽绵薄之力。感谢您的支持厚爱！谢谢！



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