

Girl Avoids Reentry Bar

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A United States Citizen born in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) wanted her younger sister to have a green card. Her teenage sister had overstayed her B-2 visitor visa by two years to attend school in the US. So the older sister filled out and submitted an I-130, the USCIS "Petition for Alien Relative."

But she made a huge error. USCIS sent paperwork that ordered her sister to return to the UAE for her immigration interview.

Lily Wu, paralegal at Margaret W. Wong & Associates in New York City, who assisted our client, said, "This is so easy to do. You really have to watch out - the consequences can be severe."

You see, in the I-130 form, page two, item twenty-two, you can fill in the USA city and state where you want the immigration interview to occur, if you're already in the US, on the left side, or on the right side, you can put in the city and country of origin if you're still in your birth country.

"When they received the USCIS paperwork, they thought they were in a bind. If you overstay your B-2 visitor visa, you are barred from reentry for 3 years if you overstayed more than 180 days, or 10 years if you overstayed more than 360 days."

The woman was shocked - her sister was going to be trapped in the UAE for a decade. So she turned to Margaret W. Wong & Associates.

"That's when most people seek immigration lawyer help - when the worst thing imaginable happens," said Lily. "Up until then, they're great. They filled out the paperwork, and sent it in. Everything's golden. Until you

get the USCIS mailing that shows you you messed it up."

It wasn't so bad that the girl had to return home for the interview. The bad part was the bar.

"There are exceptions," Lily said. "It's really very fortunate that our client is under the age of eighteen. At that age, all bars are lifted. So we filed with the State Department (an overseas immigration hearing is handled by the State Department, not USCIS) to permit the girl home and back without delay. Her immigration hearing was flawless, and now she's back in the US with a green card."

Lily told us that even when you're legal or relatively legal, working with the US immigration system can be very tricky. There are so many rules, regulations and exceptions, there's no way you can navigate it all. "The consequences of messing up are just too severe - so it's best to leave it to the immigration professionals."

Our client is so pleased that she did.

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H. E. Khenchen Rigzin Dorje Rinpoche in Ohio

(May 30 - June 5, 2014)



We are very pleased to have H.E. Rigzin Dorjee Rinpoche to come to teach in Ohio. He devotes all his life to Buddhist education and has founded a Nyingma Institute and many Retreat Centers. In 1998, Rinpoche founded Longchen Nyingtik Institute, USA. He has also taught extensively in institutions, universities and other Buddhist centers in Bhutan, Nepal, India, Canada, the Netherlands and USA. He is a great Dzogchen master.

May 29, Thu., 6pm : Welcome dinner, pot luck at temple.

May 30, Fri. 6:30-8:30pm : Shamatha meditation (teachings & practices)

May 31, Sat., 10am-12pm : Shamatha Meditation (teachings & practices);

And 2pm-4pm : Bardo Teachings

June 1, Sun., 10am-12pm : Guru Yoga & Shamatha Meditation.

And 2pm-4pm : Bardo Teachings

June 2, Mon., 6:30-8:30pm : Bardo Teachings

June 3, Tue., 6:30-8:30pm : Bardo Teachings

June 4, Wed., 6:30-8:30pm : Shamatha Meditation (teachings & practices)

June 5, Thu., 12pm : Thank you lunch, pot luck at temple

and 6:30-8:30pm : Shamatha Meditation & Closing Ceremony.

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Akron STEM 中學成功舉辦第二屆“International Day”

位于克里夫蘭南面的 Akron 市中心有一所 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics 的簡稱) 中學, 它是由 Akron Public Schools, Akron Tomorrow, City of Akron, Greater Akron Chamber, Invent Now 和 The University of Akron 六家機構於 2009 年共同籌資在位于 Akron 市中心的 National Inventors Hall of Fame 成立的中學。顧名思義, STEM 着重 Science, Technology, Engineering 和 Mathematics 教學, 從五年級到八年級, 共有四個年級, 所有學生均配備電腦, 每門學科教學都非常重視科技。STEM 中學主要生源來自 Akron 本地, 學生通過抽籤入學。

在美國, 西班牙文和法文雖然仍是大部分學區首選外語, 但在 STEM 中學, 中文是所有七、八年級學生唯一的外語課, 而且是必修課。可以說在整個俄亥俄州, 要求所有學生必修中文的中學寥寥無幾, 這也體現了這所中學的特殊性和中文在這所中學的重要性。

校方每年給每個在校老師安排 13-15 個學生, 老師每兩周定時和負責的小組學生見面, 不僅履行班主任的角色關心他們的學習和生活, 而且要在該學年內完成一項社區服務項目。老師和學生可以自行策劃如何完成該服務項目。大多數老師選擇帶孩子去 Akron 市中心清掃街道。

今年, 我負責的小組有 14 個七年級學生, 他們在年初經過投票, 為小組取了一個很有意思的名字叫 “Raman Noodles”。繼 “Chinese Dragon” 和 “Kungfu Panda”, 這是我第三年負責這樣的學生小組。他們經過反復討論, 決定繼我第二屆的學生 “Kungfu Panda” 小組, 籌款幫助那些住在 Akron 的外國移民。14 個孩子最後投票決定在全校範圍內舉辦第二屆

“International Day”, 目的是不僅可以讓全校學生尤其是目前還沒有機會學中文的五年級和六年級學生體驗中國和亞洲的文化, 他們自己也從中可以體驗到團隊合作的精神和快樂。由於平時課時很忙, 這些學生就利用放學或課後時間製作宣傳畫報, 策劃具體活動。最

本國特色小吃讓學生分享。學生僅支付 2 美元就可以參與所有活動, 並且有機會領取獎品。活動舉辦很成功, 最後我們一共酬到了近 550 美元, 捐給了位于 Akron 地區的 Asian Services In Action, Inc.。為了讓學生瞭解該組織的使命並且讓他們深深體會到社區服務的



後他們策劃了包括乒乓球、羽毛球、足球等各項亞洲熱門球類比賽項目, 中國沙包、跳繩、用筷子夾巧克力比賽、京劇臉譜和中國新年“年”的繪畫比賽等 11 個活動, 更可貴的是父母來自其他國家的學生還從家中帶來自做的

重要性, 該組織的負責人 Byun 先生特地來學校和孩子們見面並且簡短地介紹了他們如何幫助社區的移民。

To provide the highest quality education experience for students that ensures creativity

and inventive thinking through a focus on science, mathematics and technology, Akron Public Schools, City of Akron, The University of Akron, National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation, Greater Akron Chamber and Akron Tomorrow forged a unique and exciting partnership. A new science, technology, engineering and mathematics school for middle schools students opened in 2009 in 199 S. Broadway, Akron, the former site of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation. The STEM Middle School is consisted students from fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade, with a total population of 400. All seventh and eighth graders are required to take Chinese class, which is the only world language being offered in school. In STEM middle school, all coaches are expected to complete one learning service project with his/her advisory group. We agreed that we should do something to help the community, especially someone who does not speak English, and we would like to donate all raised fund to Asian Services In Action, Inc., an international institute which helps individuals and families in the community.

In order to motivate students and make it more meaningful, Michael Byun, executive director of ASIA, Inc. came to the school and talked to all the school students how ASIA, Inc. helps the individuals and families in this community.

STEM 中學中文老師——梁晴

退休理財規劃講座

面對市場的波動, 人類壽命的延長, 醫療費用的提高, 下一代的自顧不暇, 養兒防老的觀念逐漸退去, 您為自己未來的退休做好了準備嗎? 政府所提供的社安退休年金計劃幫助有限, 想要過舒適的晚年生活, 自己就必須早做規劃。Ameriprise Financial 將於 6 月 15 日 (星期日) 下午 1 時 30 分於臺灣教會 (138 E. Boston Mills Rd, Hudson, OH 44236) 舉辦 “退休理財規劃” 講座。本講座將幫助您:

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§ 如何最佳化您的社安福利

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歡迎踴躍參加, 並請大家告訴大家。詳情請洽詢

Amy Valentine (330-873-1100)

Date: Sunday, June 15th

Time: 1:30 pm to 2:30pm

Location: Boston Heights Taiwanese Friends Church

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