

The Yellow Whistle Project By Maggie Yang, Luke Yu & Arwen Zhang APAPA Youth in Columbus came together on May 30, 2021 packaging over 5,000 Yellow Whistles for later donation and distribution to the wider community.

華裔青年:我們的黃口哨項目

APAPA Youth 俄州亞太聯盟

What is Yellow Whistle Campaign about? - by Luke Yu

THE YELLOW WHISTLE?campaign was started by Dr. Agnes Hsu-Tang and her husband Oscar Tang and was officially launched on April 19, 2021. The yellow whistle is used as a symbol of self-protection, to bring attention to the hate crimes, to call for solidarity with Asian Americans and fight against historical discrimination and Anti-Asian violence. By choosing the whistle, Dr. Hsu-Tang and Oscar Tang break the stereotype of Asians being a silent minority. The whistle is a simple gadget with a universal purpose — to signal alarm and call for help — for all Americans. We shall not remain silent. This is the country we call home and this is where we belong. The Yellow Whistle Campaign unites Asian Americans to fight against racism and hate crimes. We mobilized the public and more than 200,000 whistles are planned to be distributed throughout the country.

What did we do? □ by Maggie Yang

APAPA Youth in Columbus came together to package yellow whistles and to get to know one another on May 30, 2021 during Memorialweek-end. Ranging from 5th grade up to juniors in high school, these APAPA youth got to know each other through the volunteer work packaging the yellow whistles. As an icebreaker, the APAPA parent volunteers organized a game where each person would write down a fun fact about themselves and drop it into a container. The facts were read out loud and everyone had fun guessing who wrote which one. Later on, both adults and kids began to package the yellow whistles and created an assembly line for efficiency. Everyone working together was effective and we packaged a total of over 5,000 yellow whistles. Everyone got to know each other by conversing while packing and it made the whole process quick and fun. After packaging the

whistles, snacks were laid out and people began to play frisbee, soccer, and volleyball. The kids all wrote down their contact information and were able to create a group chat to plan out future events or just to make new friends. It was great being able to have fun with people that were also Chinese and allowed for the adults to be more comfortable when getting to know one another. Can't wait for next time!

Why did I do what I did? - fighting against racism and hate crimes - Arwen

Growing up, I learned to accept all the racism, insults, and microaggressions that came my way. When kids made snide remarks about the food I ate or teachers joked about the shape of my eyes, I thought it was fine. If they laughed at me, I assumed that I had to laugh with them. In the back of my mind, I knew it was wrong, but the truth was that I didn't think that anyone would believe me. The one time I had told a teacher I felt uncomfortable, I had been told that it was "just a joke", and that I should "stop being so sensitive".

I learned to make excuses for other people's behavior, and I told myself that this was the price I needed to pay to be American. Looking back, I realize that many people probably shared my experience, it was just no one ever said it out loud. When I was asked to speak at the Unity Against Hate rally,



ly, I jumped at the opportunity. As a kid, I had always wished somebody had stood up and validated my feelings for me. Speaking at the Unity Against Hate rally was absolutely imperative because I wanted other youth to understand that their anger and frustration was

okay. Especially now, with the rise of hate crimes against Asian Americans, we need to all stand up together to fight. Being Asian American is not something we need to be ashamed of, and we need to recognize as a country that our diversity is our strength, not our weakness.

The Yellow Whistle Project 在全美為亞裔社區草根組織免費提供黃口哨,由各組織免費發給社區成員,尤其是老人、孩子等。如果您的社區有興趣參與這個社區公益活動,請在黃口哨項目的官網 <https://www.theyellowwhistle.org/>申請,或者與我們聯繫(apapaohio@gmail.com)。

Appendix: Arwen's Speech at Unity Against Hate Rally on May 15th, 2021

My name is Arwen Huanyan Zhang. I like mint chocolate chip ice cream, playing Monopoly, and binge watching TV shows instead of doing homework. I got my first name, Arwen, from when my parents had their Lord of the Rings phase. My last name, Zhang, is the most common last name in China. Basically, this means that whenever the teacher does attendance, I always prepare for two things: getting

called Owen Zhang, followed by, "Are you related to so-and-so Zhang?" Jokes aside, my name represents my culture, heritage, and identity. My name is complicated - I am proud of it, but it also represents my struggle to find my identity, the pain of never really belonging anywhere, and death of an American dream that was never mine. Those five syllables, seventeen letters, are an elegy for the foods I stopped eating, the qipao I stopped wearing, the languages I stopped speaking. It's an elegy for the culture I stopped learning, the history I abandoned, and the heritage I suppressed. My name is an elegy, for the girl who wanted to be President, who learned too quickly that the world is not fair, that people will judge you solely on the color of your skin and not your personal character. Following the rise of Anti-Asian hate crimes, racism, and the Atlanta spa shootings, I immediately felt angry, sad, and frustrated.

There was a sickening fear that I felt, that I still feel, and a haunting realization that that could have been me. But now, I just feel exhausted. I am tired of having to justify my existence, tired of seeing so many hurt and killed because of their race, tired of being treated like a second class citizen, tired of being denied dignity and respect just because of the structure of my nose and the shape of my eyes. Many of you also feel exhausted. Yet, we must continue to fight.

We must acknowledge our own biases, call out racism and discrimination, stand up and support each other, and ensure that our world has a better tomorrow. My middle name is Huanyan. It roughly translates to "happy language", and my nickname, Huanhuan, literally means "happy happy". Even though I am not quite happy, I am hopeful. As I look around me, from the audience, to the volunteers and event organizers, to the other youth speakers standing next to me, I know that, no matter what, we will still always have hope. Because it was hope that brought my parents to America, it is hope that leads me to stand here in front of you today, and it is hope that will drive us forward. Thank you.



中國留學生贏了!美國大學道歉 作弊指控是系統 bug

小夥伴們應該還對上個月全網轟動的達特茅斯中國學生“作弊”一案有印象,明明是網課系統的「鍋」,卻讓 17 名學生面臨作弊指控,甚至校方還揚言“不認罪要直接開除”??

達特茅斯 Geisel 醫學院的一年級學生 Sirey Zhang(張曦磊)就是這 17 名學生之一。

22 歲的 Sirey Zhang 從達特茅斯本科畢業後,順利進入每年只招收 90 多人的頂尖醫學院——達特茅斯 Geisel 醫學院。

即便是在群英薈萃的藤校達特茅斯,Sirey Zhang 也是明星學生的存在。去年一月,學校的官網和社交媒體賬號上,還發佈了有關他的文章和演講視頻。

牛校畢業,成爲一名兒科醫生,似乎是 Sirey Zhang 可以預見的光明未來。

然而,這一切卻被 3 月學校發來的一封信件打破:我們發現你在學校線上考試中作弊,你將面臨開除、停學、學術不端等處罰!

我們給你 2 個選擇:一,你有不到 48 小時的時間來回應這些指控,如果你老實“認罪”並反思悔改,我們可以考慮從輕處罰;

二,你可以選擇一個 2 分鐘的線上聽證會,最終結果由學校判斷,但如果你可能會被學校開除。這種壓力之下,Sirey Zhang 除了“承認不當行爲”之外別無選擇,成績單上留下的污點,也可能讓他未來再也無法成爲夢想中的兒科醫生。事情發生後,他已經被學校停課,在《紐約時報》的採訪中,Sirey Zhang 表示自己已經提起上訴,“上個月發生的事,是我一生中遇到的最恐怖、最孤立無援的事之一,我沒有作弊。”

Sirey Zhang 爲什麼會被學校判定爲作弊呢?這裏要說到兩個軟件。

一個是老網課人都熟悉的 ExamSoft,學校會要求學生在考試時開啓,以保證考試期間無法查閱相關資料。

另一個就是 Canvas,學生們可以在這個系統上上課、查詢資料等等,但在考試期間,Canvas 是被禁止使用的。

達特茅斯除了要求學生在考試的時候開啓 ExamSoft,還要準備一台備用電腦設備,以保證考試的順利進行。

今年 1 月,一名教師在監考時發現,有學生在考試時查看了 Canvas。隨後,學術表現和行爲委員會對整個學年,大一、大二學生共計 3000 多場線上考試展開了調查,共發現 38 人在考試中存在異常行爲。

要知道 Geisel 醫學院每年不過招收 90 多人,竟然 38 人作弊,這個比例實在有點高的離譜。

通過調查,學校排除了諸如學生在老師的要求下使用 Canvas 的情況,將這一數字縮小到 17 人,並對他們發出了作弊指控,這便是 Sirey Zhang 在 3 月份收到的那封郵件。

學校表示,有 7 人已經撤銷了指控。

另外 10 人中,有包括 Sirey Zhang 在內的 7 人,因爲“認罪”被判停課、挂科、學術警告等較輕處分,“拒不認罪”的 3 人則被直接開除。

但這些指認學生作弊的監控數據真的百分之百靠譜嗎?

根據《The college post》報道,在線管理系統經常會出 bug,即便學生沒有登陸系統,Canvas 有時也會自動生成活動數據。

所以這樣大規模的線上作弊,也有可能是備用電腦在考試期間生成的錯誤數據。

因爲軟件的 bug,賠上學生的前途,這事兒落到誰頭上能不生氣?

而更讓學生們憤怒的,是學校的態度。

“被指控作弊的學生僅有兩天的時間來收集數據以申訴作弊指控,而在委員會和學生面談時,支持學生的教職人員不得講話。”

“調查過程中,管理人員告訴他們,如果主動承認作弊將面臨較輕的處罰,因此很多人被迫承認這些指控。”

超過 100 名憤怒的學生給學院寫了一封公開信,指責他們進行了“有缺陷”的調查,並且存在“誘供”的嫌疑,“學生們被迫在認罪和將來的醫生生涯中做選擇”。

信中還提到,許多被指控的學生在已經被刪除的 Ins 賬號 @concernedstudent1797 中稱,他們甚至出現了自殺念頭、恐慌症發作、無法進食或睡覺。

4 月 21 日,約 60 名學生在校園里遊行抗

議。他們舉着“相信你的學生”“人人有正當程序”的標語,口罩上的 X 字樣,暗示學生的聲音不應該被忽視。

開除、挂科這些會跟着學生一輩子,嚴重影響學生未來求職的處罰,應該是經過長時間的調查和慎重考慮做出的,而不是這麼輕率。

但在 Times 的採訪中,Geisel 學院院長否認曾鼓勵學生認罪。學生可以提起上訴,如果上訴裁定被認爲有效,上訴委員會將有 4 周的時間安排另一場聽證會。

如今案件終於塵埃落定,在學生和教職員工的強烈反對之後,達特茅斯最終撤銷了對 Sirey Zhang 在內的 17 名學生的指控。

與此同時,Geisel 醫學院院長在公開郵件中向曾遭受指控的學生道歉,並稱“他們的學習成績不會受到任何影響”。

出國讀書,我們總是會遇到各種各樣的不公對待,有些是因爲誤會或是客觀 bug,有些則是因爲主觀歧視,但只要我們沒有做錯,就要據理力爭,勇敢發聲,積極尋找有效的方法保障自己的權利。

主頁君還記得 19 年初,杜克大學系主任向全系學生發歧視郵件稱“你非說中文,到時候找不到工作別怪我”,這件事在杜克引起了軒然大波,讓無數中國留學生感到了憤怒與疑惑。

但同時,杜克的中國留學生們深知單是憤怒沒有辦法解決任何問題,關鍵是要行動起來,爲自己爭取權益。

他們第一時間自發組織起了一個人數 100+ 的反歧視微信小組及時跟進此事,與此同時,杜克大學法學院的同學們連夜起草了抗議信,想要讓學校徹查此次實踐,瞭解清楚事情的來龍去脈。

他們想做的就是用美國人的遊戲標準來贏得大家的贊同。

事實也確實是這樣,從當天下午 3 點鐘發佈到晚上 7 點左右,短短 4 個小時之內他們就收集到了 1000 多同學校友的簽名,也得到了很多人的關注。

最終,在大家的共同關注和努力之下,事情發生一天後,杜克大學醫學院院長迫于壓力便立刻發郵件給所有生物統計系碩士學生:

“我們要澄清,與其他人交流的時候,我們絕對不會給所用的語言加以任何的強制。你的工作機會以及推薦信絕對不會因爲你在課外用到的語言而受到影響,並且你的隱私會被很好的保護。”

“並且,Neely 博士已經被明確要求從碩士項目上立刻撤職。”

無論是達特茅斯一事,還是之前的杜克歧視事件,都告訴我們,當自己權益受到損害時,沉默是最不應該做的事情。

試想一下,如果杜克大學的留學生選擇沉默,學校的老師、學生就會默認「中國學生完全可以接受這一說法」,之後很有可能會“變本加厲”;

如果達特茅斯的學生選擇沉默,他們將面臨停課,甚至是開除的處罰,本來擁有的大好前途就此斷送。

所以,沒有錯,就要“大聲”反抗,你不發聲,沒人會爲你的未來撐腰。北美學霸君

