

Spring 2021



Spring 2021 ISP Update

While 2021 did not return to the "normal" we expected, there are many things to celebrate. We have continued to learn in community, celebrate together, and the students have been able to expand their gifts and talents both inside the classroom and in extracurriculars. Please read on to see how each of these areas are thriving at Grand Rapids Christian Schools!

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The majority of our students stayed over the Christmas break and celebrated traditions with host families:





Lunar New Year 2021

Global Ambassadors put on another wonderful celebration, bringing together students from all backgrounds to celebrate the Lunar New Year.



Spring Around the World

Global Ambassadors also engaged the student body with presentations about how spring is celebrated all around the world.





Fundraising for Brazil

Global Ambassadors is blessed to partner with the Moraes Family and the Service Branch of Student Congress to raise funds for families needing food support near Sao Paulo, Brazil. Gabriel Moraes is a part of our ISP community and is currently in 10th grade.

Thank you Moraes family for this important ministry!

If you would like to contribute, please email jwatson@grcs.org

Winterim 2021 (Springterim this year!): March 22-April-1, 2021

Winterim was an amazing time of experiential learning over the two weeks that led up to spring break. Students participated in a variety of courses, both in-person and virtual. Here are just a few of the many choices!

Morning Course Options

Included:

Rock Climbing
Games, Sports, Skiing, and Statistics
Food and Fitness
Psychology and Everyday Life
Robot Shop
Science in the Real World
Sherlock Holmes
Winter Sports Challenge

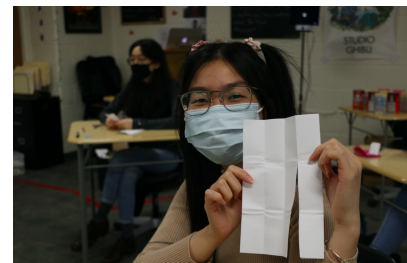
Afternoon Course Options

Included:

Grand Rapids City Police Department: Youth Academy
Grappling with Great Ideas
Traditional Tae-KwonDo
American Elections: A System of Traditions and Challenges
Civil Discourse in a Divided House
Family Tree Detectives

Virtual Options Included:

Music theory
Introduction to Fashion Design
Introduction to Human Physiology
Making Architecture
How to Apply to College
Mountains 101
The Science of the Solar System
Computer Science: Algorithms, Theory, and Machines
Build Your First Android





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

13 amazing ISP students are graduating this spring!



Long (Jack) Nguyen
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Ireoluwa (Emmanuel)
Alarape**
Carnegie Mellon University
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Canxin (Mary) Liu
University of Rochester
Rochester, New York





Haide Song
Undecided, but exploring
options



Yi Peng (Michael) Zhang
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin



Shiyu (Andrea) Jiang
Wake Forest University
Winston-Salem, North
Carolina



Congrats!



Anh (Ian) Nguyen
University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida



Fangzhou (Esther) Dong
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin



Yisu Hwang
Undecided, but planning on
a university in South Korea



Yutong (Cici) Zhu
University of Rochester
Rochester, New York

Jiahong (Tony) Cheng
University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign
Champaign, Illinois



Xiaoxue (Alena) Sun
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio



Anna Dudareva
Temple University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



It is always bittersweet. We love to see all that these students have accomplished during their time at GRCS, but are sad to say good-bye! We wish them all the best as they pursue their passions and gifts at university and in the workplace.



Student Highlights



Spring Activities and Awards

Our students have been involved in many aspects of the school community including National Honor Society, Sports, Forensics, Global Ambassadors, Student Congress, and Musical Pursuits. Although meetings and events have been held differently due to COVID, students are still investing in the life of the school.



Two of our seniors received awards that spoke to their talents and character. Congratulations Anh Nguyen for the Math Department Award and Ireoluwa Alarape for an Eagle Way Award!



Forensics has remained a favorite activity amongst our students, challenging them to come up with, prepare, and deliver speeches on many different topics.

Congratulations to the Eagle Forensics Team, who competed to bring home the CLASS B STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!



Ireoluwa Alarape received the Eagle Way Award on May 5th, 2021



Anh Nguyen received the Math Department Award on May 5th, 2021

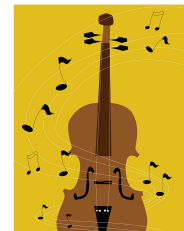


The 2021 GRCS Forensics Team

Congratulations to:

- Ireoluwa Alarape for his third place win in Impromptu speech
- Vicki Lin for her 6th place win in Dramatic Interpretation
- Semi-Finalist Anh Nguyen in Sales

Congratulations to Matthew Chen for an Outstanding Performance Award from the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association! From over 5,000 entries state-wide, he received distinction for his solo performance.

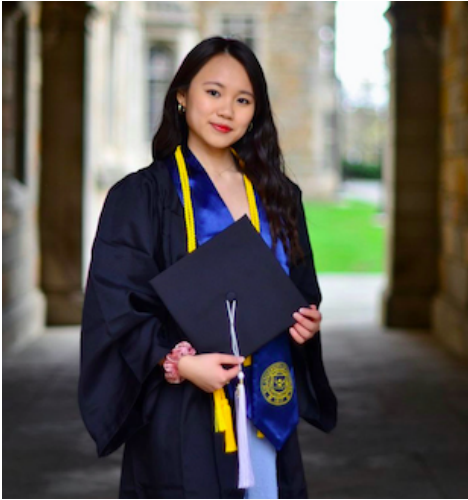


Looking Forward

We anticipate welcoming returning and new students from many countries for the 2021-2022 school year!

New students will begin their journey with camp and orientation and classes for all students begin August 19, 2021.

It is a joy to celebrate our former Grand Rapids Christian ISP students!



Yangshuying (Kate) Zhou
GRCS Graduating Class of 2017

Kate just graduated from the University of Michigan and is heading to the University of British Columbia in Vancouver for a PhD in linguistics! Congratulations Kate!



Keheng (Morgan) Chen

Morgan graduated from GRCHS in 2012. In 2017, he graduated from New York University. He now works at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as a public accountant (CPA).

We hope you enjoy this small taste of how our students continue to thrive at Grand Rapids Christian. Please feel free to reach out to us!

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