Jingyao (Nancy) Yang - WAB Class of 2015

Jingyao (Nancy) Yang is a WAB Class of 2015 alumna, business leader, and committed advocate for education, cultural heritage, and social good.

She completed her International Baccalaureate at WAB. During her junior year, she hosted a private luncheon for former U.S. President Jimmy Carter in Beijing. This memorable experience kindled her enduring passion for fostering connections and creating positive impact both at home and abroad.

Nancy earned her Bachelor's degree in Political Economy from UC Berkeley. While studying there, she worked with the student union senate to enhance support services and fee policies for international students. Back in China, she gained professional experience at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. She later worked in corporate public affairs at BCW Global before joining her family business.

Currently, Nancy serves as Board Member and Vice General Manager of Far East Alumina Limited, an affiliate of Xinheng Group. In the early 2000s, the firm ranked among China's largest alumina importers, accounting for approximately 30% of the country's annual alumina imports. She oversees business development, industry research, and low-carbon transition strategies aligned with China's carbon neutrality goals. Meanwhile, she is pursuing executive education programs at the Guanghua School of Management at Peking University and the School of Economics and Management at Tsinghua University.

Deeply committed to public welfare and cultural preservation, Nancy organizes charitable, educational, and cross-cultural events at Chongli Residence. As one of China's largest, highest-grade, and best-preserved courtyard complexes, Chongli Residence was designated a National Key Cultural Relic Protection Unit by the State Council in 1988. Built in the Guangxu reign of the late Qing Dynasty, the residence was famously known as the "Crown of Dongcheng" during the Republican period, and has long stood as an iconic representative of traditional Beijing residential architecture.

At Chongli courtyard, Nancy has supported the UNHCR (UN Refugee Agency) on philanthropic fundraising campaigns to support education for refugee children. She has hosted forums on cultural relic protection with officials and scholars, and collaborated with the Royal Asiatic Society Beijing Branch for art and cultural dialogues featuring renowned Peking University professors. She also supports nonprofit groups and foundations, and provides career training for underprivileged university students.

Nancy hopes to share her international experience with younger generations in China and to inspire positive impact locally and globally.