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*Building U.S.-China Bridges*

## ANNUAL REPORT

2013-2014

Scholarship dollars awarded  
to University students

**\$17,400**

University study abroad  
programs offered to the  
Greater China Area

**20**

Visiting Chinese scholars  
hosted by colleges and  
departments

**112**

Attendance at the 2014  
Griffin Lecture

**400**

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# 主任致辞 From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

It is again time to look back at another year past and assess our successes, made possible only because of your continued support. What a wonderful year this has been! Foremost the China Center initiated the University of Minnesota's yearlong celebration, China 100, honoring the first students from China in 1914. Through a number of events on campus, in the colleges, the community, and China, we worked to highlight the many accomplished and distinguished Chinese alumni, the plethora of research and academic exchange, and the impressive global impact this century of engagement has produced between the University of Minnesota and China. I invite you to connect with the University's Chinese alumni and to help us share their amazing stories. Please visit [china100.umn.edu](http://china100.umn.edu) to read about our distinguished alumni and find out how you can still be a part of this celebration.

Among the many China Center events over the last year, highlights include the China 100 Symposium and the annual Bob and Kim Griffin "Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture." The China 100 Symposium featured University of Minnesota faculty from various colleges and research centers, and experts from industry and government who discussed the future of collaborations between China and the University, the state, and the U.S. to address global issues and solve critical problems. The 2014 Griffin Lecture with keynote speaker former U.S. Ambassador to China Jon Huntsman, was a great success. Ambassador Huntsman's keen insight into the current and future challenges for Chinese and U.S. leadership encouraged excellent discussion after the lecture and continues today. I encourage you to view the recording of the lecture on the China Center's website.

As you page through this report, you will read more about the success of the Mingda Institute for Leadership Training programs, the innovative programs at the American Cultural Center for Sport, the continued achievements of the University's Beijing Office, and the many scholarships and fellowships awarded to both University students traveling to China and Chinese students choosing the University as their academic home. I hope you are inspired to continue your connection with the China Center as it promotes the University's mission both in Minnesota and China. I invite you to get involved with our programs in the next year to expand your interests and business.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Brzezinski". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Joan Brzezinski  
Executive Director

# To Our Chinese Friends 年终回顾

在2013-2014财政年度里，明尼苏达大学中国中心秉承搭建美中友谊桥梁的宗旨，致力于促进明尼苏达大学与中国大陆和港澳台地区的教学培训和科研交流。

明尼苏达大学与中国教育交流百年庆典活动回顾和展望。本次活动通过讲座、展览、研讨会、论坛等各种形式追溯明尼苏达大学作为美国历史悠久的公立研究型大学自1914年接收中国留学生以来，历任校领导对大中华地区的积极参与和高端访问，各院系在大中华地区开展的学术科研项目，怀抱对中国文化热情的明尼苏达大学教授和工作人员为中国留学生做出的辛勤工作，以及无数在美国和中国各行各业取得杰出成就的华裔校友们。由前美国驻华大使洪博培作为主讲嘉宾的“明尼苏达大学中国百年展望论坛”，邀请了各院系的优秀教授和明尼苏达州专家，畅谈未来百年里明尼苏达大学将如何深入开展与中国的友好合作，作为此次百年庆典活动掀开新的高潮。由社会各界广泛参与提名的“明尼苏达大学百名杰出华裔校友”评比活动也将于2014年底揭晓最终名单，这些优秀的华裔校友为现在和将来的明尼苏达大学的中国留学生们做出了优秀的表率。我们诚挚邀请您访问明尼苏达大学与中国教育交流百年纪念网站：[china100.umn.edu](http://china100.umn.edu)。

发展院校合作。位于美国明尼苏达州的双城主校区，我们继续支持学校和各院系的中国项目发展。除了接待来自中国科学院、哈尔滨工业大学、香港理工大学和陕西省政府的代表团外，我们还协助科学学院授予香港校友郭新教授“杰出荣誉校友”的称号，协助药学院接待中国医药大学代表团，协助医学院接待湖南省肿瘤医院代表团，协助食品农业和自然资源学院接待中国食品协会代表团，为亨弗利政府关系学院赴中国短期学习的学生提供中国文化培训，为各院系近百名中国短期访问教授举办交流和聚会。

中国奖学金资助。在社会各界和热心人士的慷慨捐助下，中国中心的五个奖学金项目得以继续资助明尼苏达大学学生前往中国大陆和港澳台地区学习，或在明尼苏达大学内完成中国相关的项目。在过去的一年里，除了两位学生获得中国政府奖学金和北京大学交流项目奖学金之外，还有来自各学院的二十位本科生和研究生获得了红口袋奖学金、萧氏奖学金、萧氏助学金、中西奖学金和须敏-麦克舒曼奖学金。

明大培训学院。中国中心下设的明大培训学院作为中国国家外国专家管理局认证的美国境内培训机构，圆满完成了来自中国各省份的十个代表团的培训任务，为百余名中高层管理人员提供了量身定制的高级培训课程，核心领域包括高等教育政策与管理、教学理念和教学法、高科技创新管理、医院卫生管理、以及工商管理。除此之外，明大培训学院还成功接待了为中国在校大学生提供的全球公民学期培训项目和为中国中学生提供的暑期青年领袖夏令营项目。

北京办事处。明尼苏达大学北京办事处负责明尼苏达大学在中国的招生宣传、校友活动及协助明大在华合作交流。北京办事处主任屈婉玲女士与20多所重点高中建立了合作关系并举办了明尼苏达大学国际招生宣讲会，与中国的优秀高中生进行面对面的交流。同时在北京和上海举办了明尼苏达大学入学新生及家长的行前见面会，定期为家长们提供中文版的新闻简报。明尼苏达大学的中国校友人数达到近万名，校友会分会遍布北京、天津、上海、西安、广州、香港、台北等地。

天津中美体育文化中心。在成立的第三年，中国中心与明尼苏达大学人体运动学系及天津体育学院合作的中美体育文化交流中心成绩显著。该中心举办了50多次活动，除了美国体育活动讲座和课程（橄榄球、篮球、马拉松长跑、哑壶举重、搏击有氧操等）以及观看美国体育赛事之外，还包括体育电影和文化讨论、美式健身课和大型体育赛事。该中心参与成立的首支中国美式橄榄球联盟在天津举办了两次美式橄榄球联赛，每次均有超过600名球迷热情参与。另外2014年4月举办的极限飞盘友谊联赛也吸引了来自八个中国城市的代表队参加。

## Nurturing Cultural and Educational Exchange

Students who study or conduct research in the Greater China area expand their knowledge of the region and cultures of China while enriching their personal academic experience and enhancing the diversity ideas at the University upon their return. That's why providing scholarships and exchange programs to support study in China continue to be a priority for the China Center. During the 2013-2014 academic year, the China Center supported 21 students in their study and research abroad in China.

"I was able to see how culture and the arts are shaping and changing China in extremely positive ways," says Christina Stark, a second year student in the Master of Architecture Program, who traveled to New York and Beijing as part of the University's Art Space New York | Beijing program. "I am so grateful for the opportunity to travel to this amazing country and for the support to do so from the University of Minnesota China Center and Hsiao Scholarship."

In addition to encouraging U.S. students to expand their studies and research to the Greater China area, the China Center also supports collaboration between Chinese scholars and University faculty members. In 2013-2014, the China Center co-issued 118 welcome letters to Chinese visiting scholars from 73 Chinese universities. The China Center provides scholars access to local community resources, networking opportunities through various events, and institutional support to foster individual collaborations.



## Scholarship Recipients

### Chinese Government Scholarship

Lauren Holder

### China University Exchange Program

Kathleen Myers

### China West Scholarship

Eric Anderson

Joseph Carl

Flora Chen

Christina Leighton

### Hsiao Scholarship

Flora Chen

Molly Dalsin

Joshua Quinn

### Red Pocket Scholarship

Shamez Babvani

Anjelica Bailey

Terrence Higgins

Trey Johnson

Samuel Keefer

Emilie Kopp

Allison Malmsten

Ben Phelps

Matthew Salamonski

LeeAnn Szeto

### Amy Xu and Michael Schumann Scholarship

Martha Abramson

Shangyuan Jia

Mingzi Zhou

### Shaw-Lundquist Associates, Inc./Fred & Jennie Hsiao Fellowship

Christina Stark

◀ More than 100 Chinese scholars and their faculty advisers attended the Moon Festival Reception hosted by the China Center and International Student and Scholar Services in September 2013. Holiday greetings were delivered by University President Eric Kaler; Associate Vice President and Dean of International Programs Meredith McQuaid (pictured); and Counselors Weijia Chen and Shuhong Xu of the People's Republic of China Consulate General in Chicago.

## Promoting Intercultural Awareness

### Delivering Chinese Culture and Protocol Workshops

The China Center collaborated with the Confucius Institute at the University of Minnesota to provide instruction for the course “Chinese Business Language and Culture” as part of a partnership with the Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) at the University’s Carlson School of Management in November 2013. In addition, the China Center delivered a series of Chinese culture lectures for graduate students participating in the China Seminar at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs in June 2014.

### Bringing China-related Events to Campus

During the 2013-2014 academic year, the China Center:

- Hosted the “**China 100**” lecture series on topics such as China’s macroeconomic trends and China’s public finance reform.
- Co-sponsored “Northrop Presents” **Shanghai Ballet’s performance of *The Butterfly Lovers*** in November 2013.
- Co-sponsored screenings of ***The Dialogue***, a film about study abroad in China, with the Learning Abroad Center during International Education Week in November 2013.
- Co-sponsored the “**Ink – Zen and Revolution**” art exhibit in collaboration with the Department of Asian Languages and Literature, the Department of Art History, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Weisman Art Museum, the China Central Academy of Fine Arts, and the Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts in June 2014.
- Co-sponsored various campus events initiated by student groups such as the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, which organized an annual **Chinese Moon Festival Party and Chinese New Year Gala**.
- Continued to create more international opportunities for students by **building local and international bridges** between the business community and university students interested in international professional opportunities in China.

◀ (Top) Instructor Kaishan Kong led a lesson as part of the “Chinese Business Language and Culture” course. (Middle) Institute for Advanced Study Director and History Professor Ann Waltner presented *Chinese Students at the University of Minnesota: The First Ten Years (1914-1924)* as part of the China 100 lecture series in October. (Bottom) The “Ink – Zen and Revolution” art exhibit featured a group exhibition of Chinese ink painting and related public programs.



## Developing Strategic Partnerships between the University and China

### Welcoming Delegations to the University

The China Center hosted visiting delegations from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Harbin Institute of Technology, Shandong University of Finance and Economics, Shaanxi Provincial People's Government and China Northwest University, the Consulate General of People's Republic of China in Chicago, and Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, among others.

### Conducting Due Diligence Research for China

The China Center supported the Office of Technology Commercialization in hosting a Chinese company interested in University technologies available for international franchising.

### Facilitating Colleges' China Initiatives

The China Center also supports colleges and departments in hosting their delegations from partner universities in China, such as the Chinese Institute of Food Science and Technology delegation hosted by the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (July 2013 and May 2014); the Chinese Academy of Inspection and Quarantine delegation hosted by the National Center for Food Protection and Defense (July 2013); as well as a Hunan Provincial Hospital delegation hosted by the Masonic Cancer Center (May 2014). The China Center also assisted the College of Science and Engineering in honoring alumnus Sun Kwok (Physics M.S. '72, Ph.D. '74) with the University's Outstanding Achievement Award (October 2013).



▲ University President Eric Kaler and the China Center welcomed a delegation from Shaanxi Provincial People's Government and China Northwest University in June 2014.

## Building Awareness of American Culture through Sport in China

The American Cultural Center for Sport (ACC) has reached more than 2,000 people through more than 50 different events since first opening on the campus of its partner school Tianjin University of Sport (TUS) in 2011. Activities in 2013-2014 included weekly game nights, sports lectures, sports films with cultural discussions, and a four-week American-style fitness course. The ACC added a digital dimension to its programming through an online NFL fantasy football league in fall 2013 and a March Madness bracket challenge in spring 2014.

The ACC Program Coordinator Daniel Konold collaborated with several other organizations to establish the American Football League of China in 2013. As part of the newly established league, the ACC hosted two authentic American football matches at TUS, complete with cheerleaders and tailgating. The events were held in partnership with the local American football team, the Tianjin Pirates, who competed against the Shanghai Warriors and Beijing Cyclones. The ACC provided attendees with

print resources explaining rules, field positions, and football gear in Chinese for reference. More than 600 people attended each of the matches. The ACC also hosted a national Ultimate Frisbee tournament in April, which brought together teams from eight different cities for a friendly competition in Tianjin. Events such as this one build on the ACC's mission of promoting cultural exchange and understanding through sports and recreational activities.

In addition to building awareness of American culture in China through sport, the ACC has also become a hub for student and faculty delegations from U.S. universities to learn about Chinese sports. In collaboration with TUS, the ACC coordinates activities such as dragon boat racing, Kung Fu demonstrations, traditional dancing performances, and badminton competitions. The ACC is made possible through a partnership with Tianjin University of Sport and the University of Minnesota. It is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of State. Learn more at [uschinasports.umn.edu](http://uschinasports.umn.edu).



▲ The popular Monday Game Night gave participants the opportunity to learn the cultural values of recreation and relaxation in contrast to their usual strict focus on studying.





▲ (Top) The partnership with the Tianjin Pirates American Football team has continued. Program Coordinator Daniel Konold assists with coaching, providing equipment, and taking photos and videos. (Bottom) A new national Ultimate Frisbee tournament brought teams from eight different cities to Tianjin.

## Opening the Door to Minnesota in China

During the 2013-2014 academic year, the University of Minnesota Beijing Office continued its mission of further developing educational, cultural, and social collaborations between China, the University of Minnesota, and the state of Minnesota.

### Student Support

The Beijing Office promotes the University and supports students from China by visiting key high schools, colleges, and educational organizations; meeting students, parents, and counselors; holding information sessions; and encouraging talented students and scholars to study and engage in academic exchanges at the University. Beijing Office staff hosted 20 information sessions for prospective and admitted students in seven cities this year. Two pre-departure orientations were held in Beijing and Shanghai in collaboration with University International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) and the Office of Student Affairs. Events incorporate active alumni who are able to offer prospective and admitted students distinct perspectives on campus life, academic advancement, and career development.

The Beijing Office, in partnership with ISSS, has made great strides in establishing direct relationships with parents of University students from China to keep them better informed of their children's academic and campus lives. The Beijing Office is active on various social media platforms to stay connected with parents and began a working relationship with the University Parent Program to further enhance their outreach to parents. The Beijing Office now distributes a Chinese language version of the Parent Program's biweekly newsletter, which has received positive feedback. The University's efforts to connect with parents has already seen encouraging results as parents have become a strong force in promoting the University in China.

### Educational Collaboration

The Beijing Office serves as a bridge to facilitate educational collaborations between leading schools in China and the University. Staff have met with scores of universities and institutions to showcase the University's strengths and connect Chinese colleagues with University faculty and researchers. The Beijing Office also does marketing research,

introduces potential Chinese partners to University departments and programs, and assists with establishing partnerships. One example, is a request of the University's School of Pharmacy to form a partnership with a prestigious Chinese institution in the same field, the Beijing Office did market research, contacted and interviewed the top 15 pharmaceutical institutions in China, and submitted a report with recommendations. As a result, a partnership agreement was recently signed with the top-ranked pharmaceutical university in China.

In addition, the Beijing Office helps maintain dozens of partnerships between the University and counterpart institutions in China. For example, the office participated in multiple director meetings and events with key international high schools in China to stay abreast of issues surrounding educational collaboration with China in a broad spectrum of topics.

### Alumni Relations

The third essential purpose of the Beijing Office is to improve the alumni network for the thousands of University graduates who live in China. The Beijing Office provides services to alumni in China by working closely with University of Minnesota Alumni Association chapters in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou. Last year, the Beijing Office hosted and co-hosted 10 events and activities in Mainland China to provide alumni with opportunities to increase their social and professional network. The Beijing Office disseminates regular communications to alumni in China so that they can stay connected with the University community.

The Beijing Office supports alumni directly by helping them connect with University students seeking internship opportunities, promoting their work and projects through proper channels, and finding prospective collaborative partners from within the University community. The Beijing Office maintains active connections with more than 800 Chinese alumni.

Learn more about the work of the Beijing Office at [beijing.umn.edu](http://beijing.umn.edu).



▲ (Top) Parents of Chinese students met with University of Minnesota representatives during a gathering in Beijing.  
(Bottom) Newly admitted Chinese students attended a pre-departure orientation hosted by the Beijing Office.

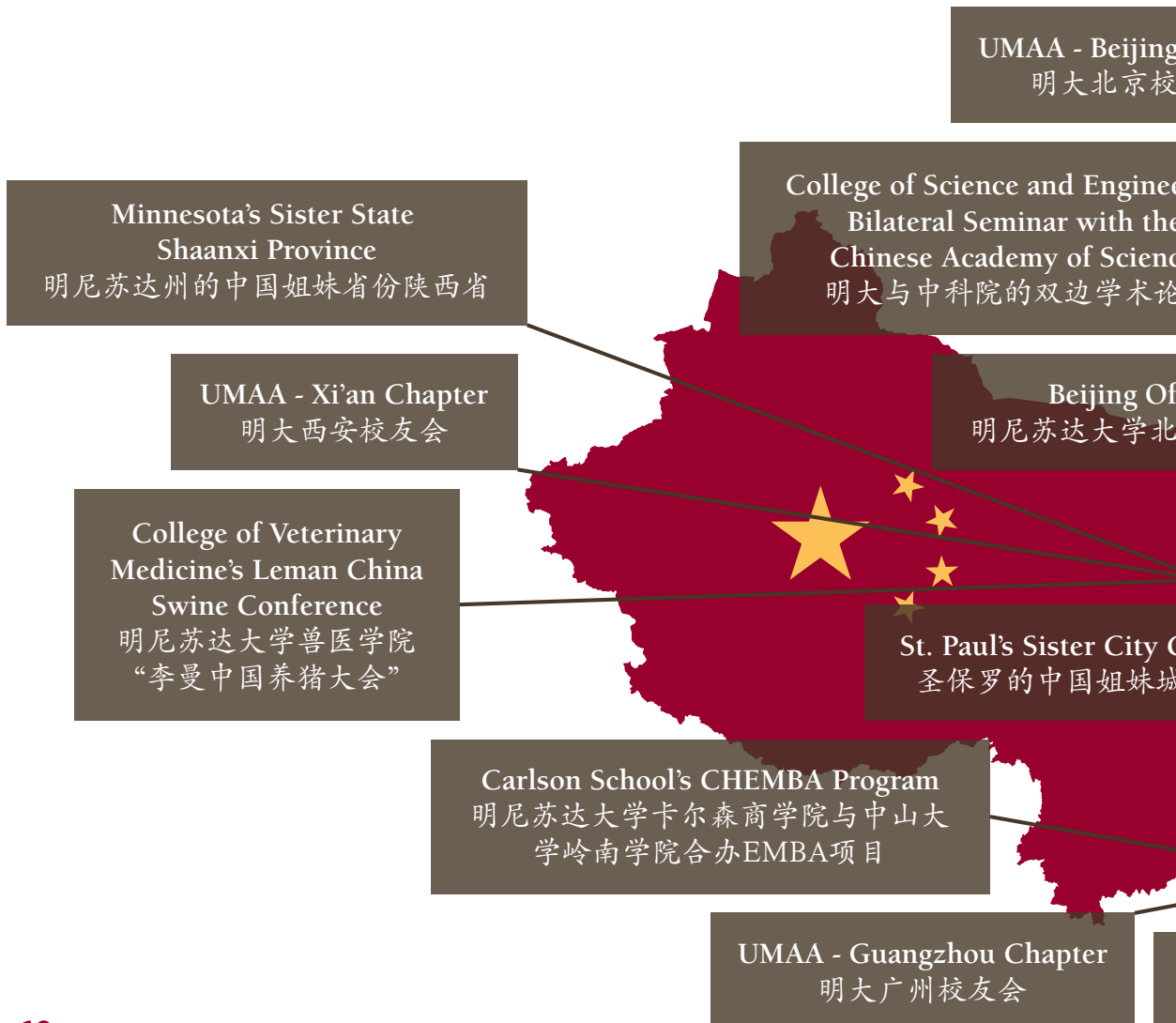
## Supporting University of Minnesota - China Relationships

As part of the China Center's mission, supporting relationships between the University of Minnesota and China remains a large part of day-to-day operations. The China Center is involved in bridging these relationships in a variety of ways including:

- Facilitating educational exchange, collaborative research, and teaching and training activities;
- Fostering an understanding of history, cultures, and values;
- Serving as a catalyst and resource for the promotion of economic, governmental, and civic pursuits; and
- Increasing mutual interest and understanding.

### Offices and Centers in China

- University of Minnesota Beijing Office
- American Cultural Center for Sports in Tianjin
- American Cultural Center in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province



### Programs for University of Minnesota Students in China

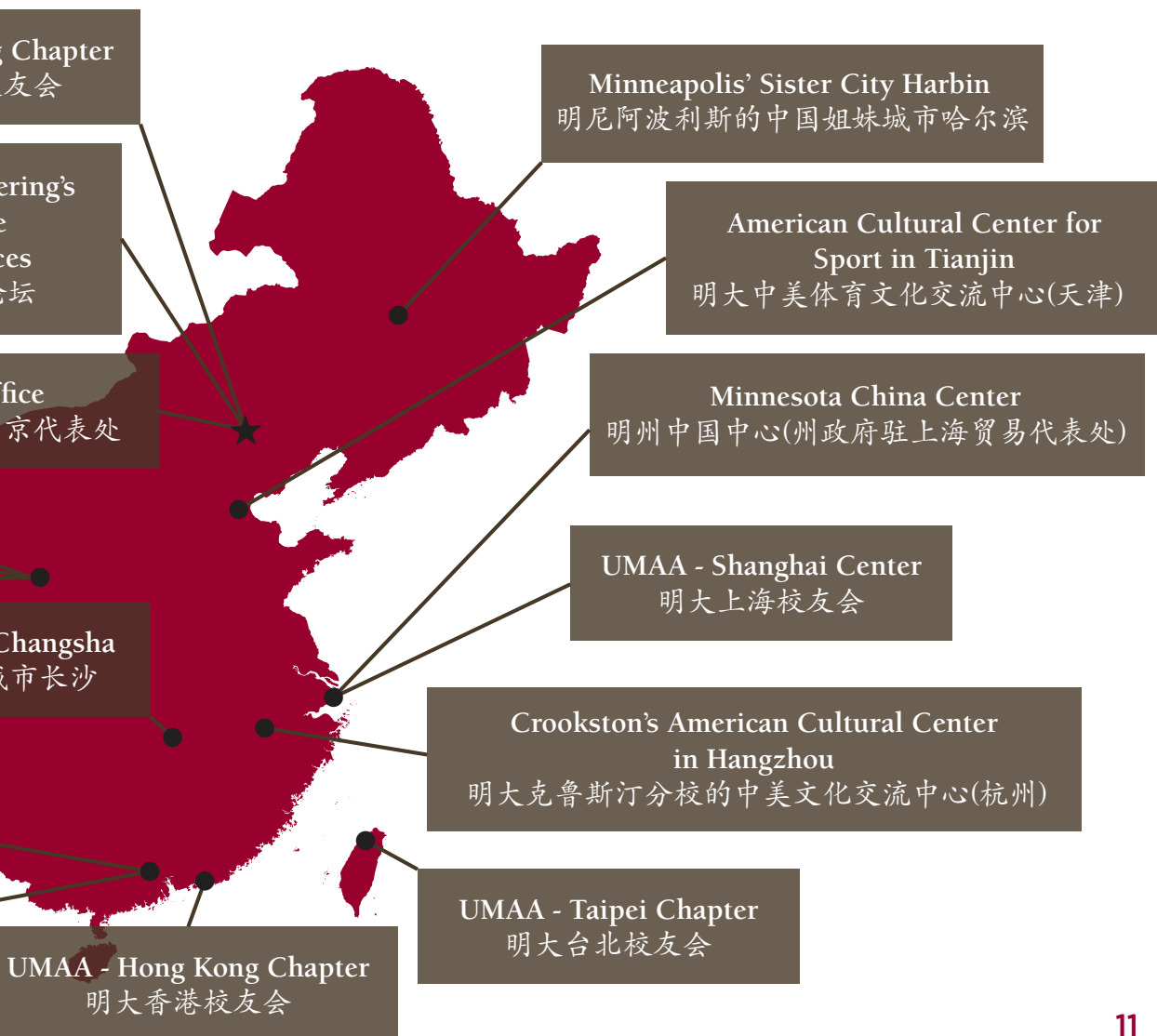
During the 2013-2014 academic year, there were 12 University or affiliated program were available for students to study abroad in China for short-term or academic-year studies. In addition, there were also seven University of Minnesota faculty-led short-term programs to China from five different departments.

### Chinese Students and Scholars at the University of Minnesota

During the 2013-14 academic year, approximately 2,700 Chinese undergraduate and graduate students were enrolled in the University of Minnesota system. In addition, more than 100 Chinese scholars (e.g., visiting faculty, fellows, postdoctoral researchers) were in residence at the University.

### Research Projects

Colleges and departments conduct research projects in a wide range of disciplines that are focused on China or involve partnerships between University faculty and their colleagues in Chinese universities, governmental agencies, and independent research institutions.



## Providing Learning Opportunities for Emerging Chinese Leaders

Since its inception in 2001, the China Center's Mingda Institute for Leadership Training has provided high quality training approximately 2,700 Chinese university administrators, government officials, and business leaders in a variety of professional development topics. This program is the only training provider certified by the China's State Administration of Foreign Expert Affairs in the State of Minnesota.

Academically, the Mingda Institute relies on the expertise of world-class University faculty members and researchers on campus to design a customized curriculum that compares U.S.–China practices and introduces advanced approaches related to the topic. During the 2013–2014 year, the Mingda Institute provided 10 customized training programs to 169 participants. The top training topics included Higher Education Policy and Administration, Marketing and Leadership Development, Strategic Planning and Leadership, Food Safety Leadership, and Healthcare Management.

Strategically, the Mingda Institute provides an opportunity for Chinese emerging leaders to learn about the University of Minnesota and the dynamic Minnesota economy, where China ranks as the second-largest import and export trade partner for the state. Meanwhile, the Mingda Institute leverages the strength of key Minnesota industries such as agriculture, healthcare, manufacturing, finance, and environment technologies for company visits that build broader connections for the Minnesota and China business community.

The Mingda Institute also provided training for young Chinese future leaders that include Chinese undergraduate students and high school students. The Education for a Global Citizen program collaborated with the Minnesota English Language Program to provide four-month quality English language instruction to Chinese undergraduate students from Qingdao University. The summer camp Beijing Youth Leadership Summer Program for Chinese high school students focused on honing academic English writing and presentation skills to prepare participants for undergraduate studies at U.S. universities and colleges. The group also visited regional higher education institutions, including Carleton College, Macalester College, and St. Olaf College.

Learn more about the Mingda Institute for Leadership Training at [mingda.umn.edu](http://mingda.umn.edu).

### Programs

#### Higher Education Policy and Administration

15 deans and directors from Central University of Finance and Economics

19 deans and directors from Henan Polytechnic University

19 deans from Henan University of Economics and Law

15 professors from Tianjin University of Sport

#### Youth Leadership Training Program

24 students from Beijing High School Summer Camp

17 college students from Qingdao University “Education for a Global Citizen”

#### Agriculture and Food Safety Training Program

23 leaders from China General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine

#### Healthcare Management and Administration

22 hospital leaders from Beijing

6 deans and professors from Kunming Medical University

#### Strategic Planning and Leadership Development Training

9 business managers from China AVIC International Aero-Development Corporation



▲ The Central University of Finance and Economics sent two delegations to a Mingda Institute for Leadership Training program in 2013-2014. Participant Yihong Tang shared his thoughts on the experience: “This two-week professional development training program at the University of Minnesota allowed me to learn more about how the American higher education system has contributed to the United States’ leading position in the world today. I hope my work will one day contribute to China’s higher education system reform and improvement.”

▼ Tianjin Medical University delegates listened intently during a classroom session. Customized curriculum incorporated classroom experiences with observations, excursions, and other modes of learning. All programs are concluded with a graduation and farewell ceremony where participants receive a certificate and small gift.



## Celebrating 100 Years of Chinese Students at the University

2014 marked the 100-year anniversary of the first Chinese students to enroll at the University of Minnesota. The first Chinese students—Pan Wen Huen, Pan Wen Ping, and Kwong Yih Kum—enrolled at the University in 1914. Since then, more than 10,000 Chinese alumni have called the University home. Many of these alumni have gone back to China and joined the workforce, making great strides in various Chinese and U.S. organizations in China. Others have made Minnesota their home, contributing to established Minnesota companies such as 3M, Honeywell, and Medtronic. More than 100 Chinese alumni were recognized as China 100 Distinguished Chinese Alumni. Read more about these alumni on the China 100 website at [china100.umn.edu](http://china100.umn.edu).

The University recognized this milestone with China 100, a yearlong celebration honoring the first students from China and the wealth of connections that have come since. The University of Minnesota China Center, Beijing Office, and Global Programs and Strategy Alliance led the initiative, which was made possible through collaborations with colleges, departments, and campuses. Several events honoring Chinese alumni, featuring University research and connections with China, as well as stories from Chinese students, or students who have traveled to China, were planned as part of China 100. As one of the first universities to resume academic exchanges with China in 1979, the University of Minnesota hopes to continue its strong commitment to developing more exchange and partnership opportunities with China in the next 100 years.



▲ The China Center hosted the "China 100 Symposium: U, Minnesota, and China looking forward to the next century" on April 22, 2014, at the McNamara Alumni Center. 250 people helped to make the event a success. Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Karen Hanson welcomed participants and Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton honored the event with the Minnesota China Education Exchange Day proclamation.



### Welcoming Various Perspectives on World Affairs

The China Center welcomed Jon Huntsman, former U.S. ambassador to China and twice-elected governor of Utah, to speak about opportunities and challenges in China as part of the 13th annual Bob and Kim Griffin “Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture” on April 22, 2014. More than 500 tickets were reserved by the public for the event at the McNamara Alumni Center, which was part of the China 100 Symposium: “U, Minnesota and China Looking Forward to the Next Century.”

University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler provided opening remarks where he highlighted the 100-year bond between the University and China, and shared his high hopes for the future of the University’s continued relationship with China. President Kaler also expressed his appreciation for events such as the Griffin Lecture that encourage and foster international relationships.

Ambassador Huntsman, who is fluent in Mandarin Chinese, touched on topics such as pollution, China’s unstable relationships with surrounding countries, the country’s financial system, and urbanization, among other matters. Firm in his belief that the students of today will play a key role in determining the trajectory of the U.S.-China relationship, he concluded his statement with a call to action to recognize, and accept without fear, the importance and impending rise of China.

Ambassador Huntsman then sat down with Eric Schwartz, dean of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, for a question and answer session. To view the lecture and question-and-answer session in its entirety, visit the China Center website at [chinacenter.umn.edu/news/griffin](http://chinacenter.umn.edu/news/griffin).

Since 2001, the China Center has hosted the Bob and Kim Griffin “Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture,” which is made possible through a generous endowment from Bob and Kim Griffin.



▲ Bob Griffin (right) presented keynote speaker Jon Huntsman, former U.S. ambassador to China and twice-elected governor of Utah, with a gift. The Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture is made possible through a generous gift endowment from Bob and Kim Griffin.

## Sponsoring and Participating in China-related Events

The China Center's work to connect the University with partners in China includes efforts to develop and maintain strong ties with the local community by sponsoring and participating in events across Minnesota. Highlights from 2013-2014 include:

- The China Center co-sponsored the 2013 **Annual Conference of the Chinese American Academic and Professional Association in Minnesota**.
- During the **Chinese New Year** season, the China Center sponsored various celebrations and attended many events to help ring in the Year of the Horse. Cosponsored events included the Twin Cities Chinese Dance Company's New Year performance, Minnesota Chinese Cultural Service Center's Chinese New Year Celebration, Minnesota Twin Cities Chinese Community event, and the New Year Gala Dinner hosted by U.S.-China People's Friendship Association.
- In April the China Center hosted a table and displayed the China 100 History Exhibit Showcase at the 7th annual **Passage to China** event at the Mall of America. The free event, organized by the Chinese Heritage Foundation in collaboration with China Insight, aims to share Chinese culture, history, and geography at this community event.
- In July the China Center participated in the annual **Dragon Festival** at Lake Phalen. Visitors had the chance to learn about the China Center's role at the University and events related to China 100.



▲ China Center Executive Director Joan Brzezinski and alumnus Heather Kaus discussed China Center offerings and the China 100 celebration with guests at the Mall of America during the Passage to China event in April 2014.

## Bridging University and Corporate Interests

- In collaboration with the University of Minnesota Foundation, the China Center aided **Ecolab Global Headquarters** in hosting the annual Chinese Seven-Star Award recipient delegations in 2013 and 2014. This is the most prestigious food industry award program in China to honor food manufacturing, food retail, and food service enterprises for their efforts to promote food safety.
- The China Center organized a visit to the University of Minnesota for the China XCMG delegation hosted by **Schwing America** to meet with faculty members at the College of Science and Engineering. The visit enhanced the Chinese partner's confidence in investing in Minnesota and working with Minnesota-based companies.
- The China Center helped **Mate Precision Tooling Company Global Headquarters** in Minnesota to host a delegation of 20 Chinese business leaders from the Confederation of Chinese Metal Forming Industry delegation in November 2013. The group was impressed with the University's history of and current active educational exchanges with China.
- The China Center supported two **Medtronic Global Headquarters** campuses in celebration of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month in May 2014. Medtronic staff had the chance to learn about the University's engagement with China by viewing the China 100 history exhibit.
- The China Center helped **Cargill Global Headquarters** host a Chinese Moon Festival Reception in September 2013 for students to learn more about Cargill China's career opportunities. The China Center supports companies by helping to identify potential future team members from among the Chinese international student and U.S. student populations who are interested in China or hold knowledge about doing business in the China.



▲ The China Center helped Ecolab Global Headquarters and the University of Minnesota Foundation and the College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) host the annual Chinese Seven-Star Award recipient delegation, pictured here with CFANS Dean Brian Buhr.

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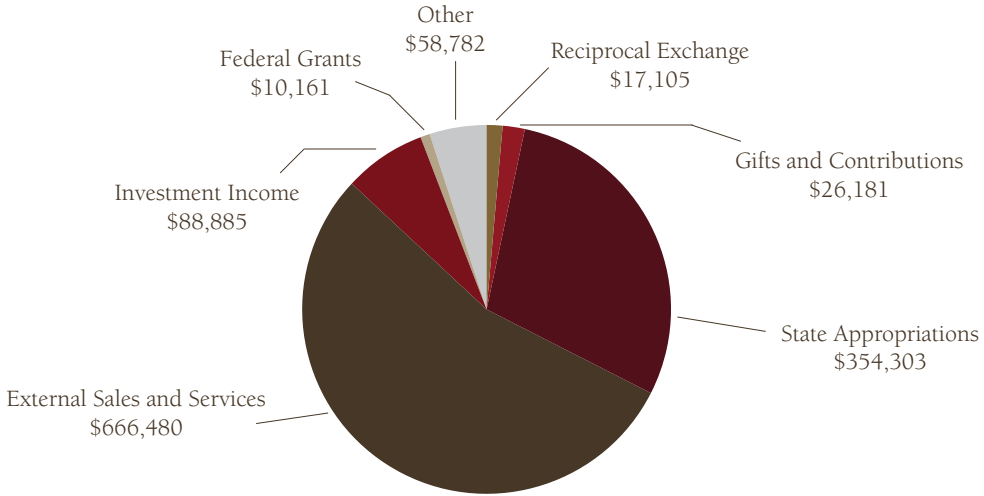


▲ China Center Advisory Council member and University alumnus Amy Xu shared stories from her University of Minnesota experience at the "China 100 Symposium: U, Minnesota, and China looking forward to the next century" on April 22.

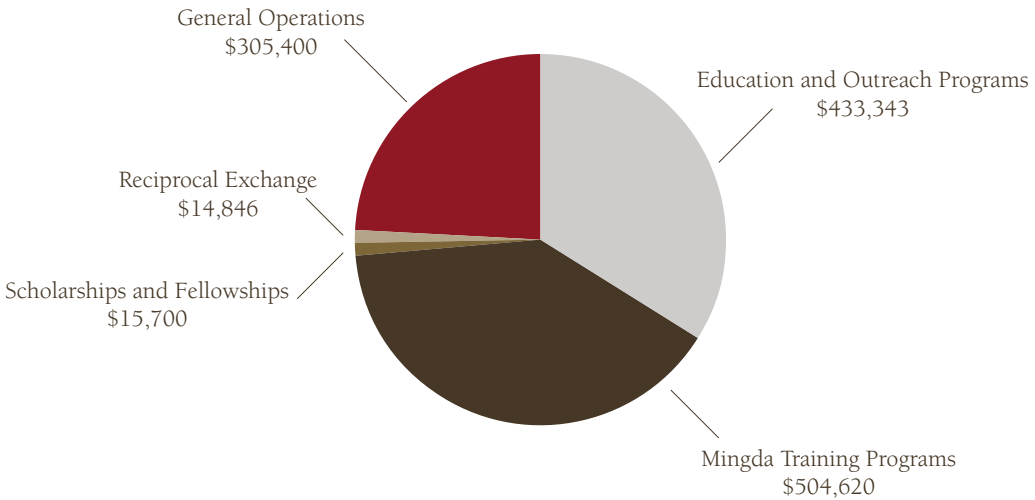
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