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Hamilton to host Chinese Immersion Program this summer

In collaboration with Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES

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Clinton, NY (03/22/2010) - The Department of East Asian Languages and Literature at Hamilton College in collaboration with the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES will host their first Chinese Summer Immersion Program for K-12 Central New York Students this summer at Hamilton College. This is a one-week residential day camp program operating from July 11 - 16, 2010.

This is a one of a kind rewarding summer immersion experience for 15 highly motivated students who have taken at least two years of Chinese language instruction. This program will provide students with an authentic Chinese culture experience through language immersion with peers, on-site teachers and Beijing instructors through distance learning. Also, one of the main objectives of this program is to improve students' linguistic proficiency and cultural competency through an outcome-based curriculum and task-based instructions (e.g. learning Chinese calligraphy, painting, songs, sports, games and local field trips).

Participants for this program must have completed 7th grade and have taken at least two years of Chinese language instruction. Preference will be given to students who have participated in the BOCES program. The cost to attend this program is \$490 for each student. FLAP scholarships will be available for qualified students. The cost will cover program tuition, meals and lodging, text materials, instructional cost, distance tutorial, and technology support. Interested applicants must be recommended by their school Principal's Office and must complete the following application materials: application form, school recommendation and school record with Chinese grades. For more information, visit: www.hamilton.edu/china

The Chinese Summer Immersion Program for K-12 Central New York Students is offered in conjunction with the STARTALK teacher program, an on campus, professional Chinese language and pedagogy program for K-16 Chinese teachers whose native language is English; both programs are affiliated with the Associated Colleges in China (ACC) at Hamilton College. ACC is considered one of the top programs in China for its academic rigor, quality teaching, highly interactive and individualized instruction, culturally enriching class activities and innovative curriculum.

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