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During 40 years of reform, generations of young people have gone abroad and ventured the globe to enrich their knowledge and growth. Under the advocacy of policies supporting studying abroad, encouraging returns to China, and travel based on free will, China’s study abroad has developed rapidly. It has also led to the development of trained high-tech talents to accelerate the country’s modernization. General Secretary Xi Jinping said at the “100th Anniversary of the Founding of the European and American Alumni Association” that “the practice has proved that the vast number of overseas students are worthy of the valuable wealth of the party and the people and are worthy of the living force for realizing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.”

According to the data of the Ministry of Education, since the reform promoting globalization there have been a total of 5,194,900 students studying abroad, of which more than 60% of the overseas students have chosen to return to China after completing their studies. In 2017, the number of returning students reached 480,900. Returnees who have a global vision and high-tech talents are active in all areas of China’s rapid economic growth. The “2018 China Returnees Employment and Entrepreneurship Survey Report” jointly published by CCG and Zhilian Recruitment (hereinafter referred to as the “Report”) has shown a growing trend in pursuance of foreign education. In parallel to international college attendance, the number of high school students is also increasing. The proportion Chinese group is currently the highest among all countries with the proportion of high school students abroad is 29.79%. Which is 9 percentage points higher than the 2017 survey results.

When it comes to the significance of studying abroad, rich experiences have become the main reason for choosing to study abroad. The United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, Japan and South Korea are currently the main choice of countries for studying abroad with economics and business studies as the most popular subjects. The survey also showed that the return on study abroad reached the expected value. The proportion of returnees with overseas work experience increased, and the proportion of employment in the financial industry surpassed the information technology service industry for first place.

In terms of employment and entrepreneurship, the industries that overseas students have returned to after returning to China are widely distributed in finance, software and information technology services, manufacturing and other fields, among which financial industry employees account for 14%, software, information technology services at 13%, manufacturing accounting for 12%, and education accounting for 11%. In addition, 5% of returned overseas students choose to start a business with information transmission, software and information technology services, wholesale/retail, and education as the main areas of entrepreneurship. The report also shows that up to 61% of the returnees choose to return to their hometown.

However, Beijing, Shanghai and Guangdong present advantages of fast economic development, high degree of internationalization, multiculturalism, and inclusiveness which has led to them being the primary target city for employment and entrepreneurship of returnees while the northeastern, central, and western regions are facing serious brain drain problems.

The report also showed that nearly 67% of overseas students are choosing to return to China in order to facilitate family reunion with their families and friends. Whole more than 40% of overseas students return to China because of the good trend of domestic economic development. In recent years, we have seen what is often referred to as the “talent wave” in major cities in China as the returnees have become the focus of the cities. Compared with domestic practitioners, overseas returnees have certain advantages in linguistics, overseas market familiarity, cross-cultural communication ability, innovation and critical thinking ability, and contribute a lot to the development of economic, trade and cultural innovation. They are quality talent.

The report also pointed out that although 95% of overseas returnees can find jobs within half a year after returning to China, some also face some difficulties in employment and entrepreneurship. In 2017, the contradiction between income and expectation of returnees has further intensified. 80% of returnees believe that income levels are lower or come and expectation of returnees has further intensified. In addition, the high cost of entrepreneurial operations, the lack of relevant entrepreneurial services, and the difficulty of transforming technological achievements are also obstacles that overseas scholars need to clear on the road to returning to China. Entrepreneurs’ unclear understanding of the domestic market environment is also an important cause of entrepreneurial difficulties and will be a trend to watch for in upcoming years. (Source: People Author: Tao steady)

I4I and IIP Scholarship Applications Are Open through September 15

I4I Scholarships are available to all Illinois undergraduate students studying abroad on pre-approved programs. The funding for this scholarship is provided by a student-initiated fee.

Application Cycles

The Fall Cycle provides scholarships for Winter Break and Spring Semester, as well as early apply options for Spring Break and Summer programs. The application opens in early July and is due on September 15.

The Spring Cycle provides scholarships for Spring Break, Summer, Fall Semester, and Academic Year Study Abroad Programs, as well as an early apply option for Winter Break programs. The application opens in early December and is due on February 15.

For more info, please click http://international.illinois.edu/awards-funding/i4i-scholarship.html

The IIP Scholarships are a collection of donor-funded and memorial scholarships for students participating in pre-approved study abroad programs. All IIP scholarships are open to undergraduate students and some are also open to graduate students.

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Illinois Commitment Will Help Students from Middle-Income Families Attend Illinois

Through a combination of institutional, federal and state aid, including Pell Grants and Monetary Award Program grants, Illinois Commitment will provide financial awards to cover the tuition and campus fees for in-state students whose family income is less than $61,000, the current median family income in Illinois.

Champaign, Ill. — A new financial-aid program aims to make attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign more affordable for middle-income families in the state of Illinois.

Illinois Commitment will provide financial awards to cover the tuition and campus fees for in-state students whose family income is less than $61,000, the current median family income in Illinois.

The program will be open to freshman and transfer students beginning with the entering freshman class in fall 2019. Through a combination of institutional, federal and state aid, including Pell Grants and Monetary Award Program grants, freshman students who meet the program’s criteria will have the financial aid necessary to cover the cost of tuition and campus fees for up to eight semesters of continuous enrollment on the Urbana campus. Transfer students will be covered for up to six semesters of continuous enrollment.

“We established Illinois Commitment to ensure that even more high-achieving students in our state have affordable access to the kind of life-changing educational experience you can only find here at Illinois,” said Robert J. Jones, the chancellor of the Urbana campus.

“We’re acutely aware that a number of students in our state who could be part of the Illinois family never even consider applying, simply because they don’t believe they could afford to attend the Urbana campus,” Jones said. “As a public university, we must see to it that talented students of all economic backgrounds in the state of Illinois have access to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. With Illinois Commitment, we’re taking a bold and necessary step to simplify the financial-aid concept and open the door to an Illinois education for more families in our state.”

Each year, too many bright, talented and qualified Illinois residents look at a single cost-of-attendance number for the Urbana campus and don’t even begin an application, said Andreas C. Cangellassi, the vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost at Illinois.

“For first-generation college students or low- and moderate-income students, our concern is not whether they accept an offer of admission to Illinois. Our concern is whether they will apply to Illinois in the first place,” Cangellassi said. “Although we try to help students understand that considerable aid is available, it doesn’t always translate into applications. As a consequence, many low- and moderate-income students are dissuaded from applying to Illinois from the start. Illinois Commitment provides a new pathway to an Illinois degree.”

Illinois Commitment was created after listening to students about why they were choosing to attend college out of state, said Kevin Pitts, the vice provost for undergraduate education at Illinois.

“In-state students repeatedly told us that cost and the lack of a scholarship were the primary reasons why they decided to decline our offer of admission,” Pitts said. “We are currently investing $50 million in institutional aid to lower the cost of attendance for approximately 43 percent of undergraduate students. Illinois Commitment represents a significant additional investment to encourage the best and brightest students in the state of Illinois to enroll at the flagship campus, regardless of their family income.”

Ultimately, Illinois Commitment will help reduce student loan debt, Pitts said.

“Our graduates are already well below the national average in student loan debt, and Illinois Commitment will reduce the debt load of future graduating classes at the Urbana campus even further,” Pitts said.

The program will not affect the federal and state aid available to other Urbana campus students, including those who don’t qualify for the program, nor will it affect other merit-based scholarship money a student may have earned.

“We are committed to ensuring access and affordability for all of our students,” Pitts said. “A number of need- and merit-based scholarship programs will continue to be available for students who don’t qualify for Illinois Commitment.”

Illinois Commitment makes the U. of I. a realistic postsecondary option for many high-achieving students throughout Illinois who may have previously thought it was out of reach for financial reasons, said Erin Murphy, the college and career counselor at Carbondale Community High School in Carbondale, Illinois.

“The program illustrates the U. of I.’s dedication to supporting – in a very real way – college education for qualifying in-state students, and I expect that in-state applications submitted this year by eligible students will increase.

“Illinois Commitment has the potential to be a complete game-changer for students who meet the criteria and are accepted into their program of choice.”

Editor’s notes: For more information, contact Kevin Pitts, call 217-333-3946; email kpitts@illinois.edu.

See http://go.illinois.edu/Commitment for more information.

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**Illinois INTL**

- **International Student Welcome Fall 2018 by The Women’s Resources Center**
  
  Tuesday, September 11th, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
  The Women’s Resources Center, 616 E. Green St. Suite 202, IL 61820.

  This year the Women’s Resources Center is organizing a cheerful event to welcome the International Students on campus. There will be mocktails, games and networking sessions for students to know each other better for professional development.

- **2018 Global Returning Talents Autumn Careers Fair 2018**

  Sunday, September 16th, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
  Shenzhen, China.

  2018 Global Returned Talent Career Fair has been announced where Guangdong Innovative Talents Promotion Association (ITPA) and GW4 Universities from the UK are co-organizing the Global Returning Talents Autumn Careers Fair in Shenzhen, China. For their returning students, For details please click here and for enquiry please e-mail to itpa01@126.com

**Discover Champaign Center**

- **C-U Pridefest**

  **September 14 - 16, 2018**
  Pride Parade at 5 p.m. on Saturday Downtown Champaign

  The UP Center of Champaign County presents the 9th Annual C-U Pridefest and Parade. Friday night kicks off the festivities before Saturday’s vendor fair and parade that starts at 5 p.m. in Downtown Champaign. Come out and show your pride!

- **PYGMALION**

  **September 26 - 29**
  Various Venues in Champaign-Urbana

  PYGMALION is a multi-disciplinary event that includes music, literature, food, comedy, and a made fest in various venues across C-U.

  - **Champaign Farmers’ Market**
    
    **Weekly on Tuesdays, 3:30-6:30pm**
    Through October 2018 Downtown Champaign

    The Land Connection Champaign Farmers’ Market offers great local food and fresh produce every Tuesday afternoon in Downtown Champaign. Come by the parking lot by Neil and Main and get your groceries fresh after sunset. The route will be 2.5 miles along the paved path at Meadowbrook. Strollers and wheelchairs permitted. Call 217-384-4062 for more information.

  - **C-U Oktoberfest**

    **October 6, 2018**
    Downtown Champaign

    A fall celebration of music, beer, and food held in downtown Champaign. Patterned after the annual festival in Bavaria, the C-U Oktoberfest features live music from bands playing festive polkas, waltzes, and traditional German music...mixed in with plenty of your favorite songs. The cost of admission is $5 at the gate. Proceeds from the event will benefit Developmental Services Center, a non-profit that services people with disabilities. Join in the fun! Prost!

- **LEGO Day**

  **September 22**
  The Orpheum Children’s Science Museum
  346 N Neil Street Champaign, IL 61820

  The Orpheum Children’s Science Museum’s annual LEGO Day on September 22 will have LEGO robotics demonstrations, LEGO art and activities, LEGO creations, and a LEGO building competition with guest judges! Participation in the activities and exhibits is included as part of general admission.

**Anita Purves Nature Center**

- **Full Moon Nature Walk, Roll & Stroll – FREE!**

  **Monday, Sept. 24; 7-8:30pm**
  All ages (under 15 with adult)
  Meadowbrook Park – Race St entrance

  Take advantage of this rare chance to experience the nighttime sights, sounds and smells of the prairie during this hike after sunset. The route will be 2.5 miles along the paved path at Meadowbrook. Strollers and wheelchairs permitted. Call 217-384-4062 for more information.

- **Outdoor Movie Night – Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey – Free!**

  **Friday Sept. 21; 6:45-8:30pm**
  Rain Date: Saturday Sept. 22
  All ages (under 15 with adult)
  (Donations of $5 per child encouraged)
  Friendship Grove Nature Playscape

  Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a screening of Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey in the Friendship Grove Nature Playscape. Free popcorn, lemonade and ice cream bar while supplies last. We’ll even have a family photobooth on hand! Call 384-4062 for more information.

**AsiaLENS**

**Forgive - Don’t Forget**

A film by Brad Bennett, Jonah Guelzo, Austin Journey, Paul Ufema.
2016. 71 minutes.
In English and Japanese with English subtitles.

Online, post-screening discussion with one of the filmmakers.

**Tuesday, September 13, 2018 - 7pm**
Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium, 600 S. Gregory Street, Urbana, IL

**Description:**
During Japan’s surrender at the end of World War II, numerous swords were confiscated by American Officers. To better understand the past and build a bridge between cultures in the present, a filmmaker attempts to return one of these surrendered swords to its original owner.

**Resources:**
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Mayor Emanuel, City Colleges of Chicago Honor Graduating Star Scholars

Northwestern Provost Holloway joins celebration of grads heading to four-year colleges

Northwestern University Provost Jonathan Holloway joined Mayor Rahm Emanuel and other leaders for the 2018 Star Scholarship Celebration Aug. 21 to honor recent City Colleges of Chicago Star Scholar graduates who have transferred to four-year colleges and universities.

This is Northwestern’s second year participating in the initiative, which rewards industrious CPS students with an opportunity to pursue a degree or certificate at City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) at no-cost. Universities across Chicago have partnered with City Colleges to provide additional financial aid to Star Scholars seeking to transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

“Northwestern University is deeply committed to making college more affordable for talented, hard-working students, and we greatly value our partnership with Chicago and with the City Colleges of Chicago to assist low- and middle-income students with scholarships to help toward their degrees here,” said Northwestern University President Morton Schapiro.

“We especially welcome community college transfers, who bring a unique perspective to campus,” President Schapiro added. “We appreciate the strong leadership from the mayor and City Colleges on this program that ensures such critical opportunities for these students.”

CCC Chancellor Juan Salgado kicked off the evening at the Harold Washington Library in Chicago with remarks celebrating the diligent work and commitment of the Star Scholars, thanking their parents for their support and recognizing the university partners in attendance.

Mayor Emanuel spoke movingly about the importance of access to college and his goal to ensure committed students and their families don’t defer college dreams due to costs.

The highlight of the evening was a panel discussion featuring current Star Scholars, college advisors and a mother-daughter pair — Eileen and Amy Szkorla — who spoke about their experiences with City Colleges and the Star Scholarship program. After studying at Wright College for two years, Amy Szkorla will transfer in the fall to Northwestern, where she plans to enroll in Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences to study biology.

More than 445 Star Scholar graduates have transferred to four-year colleges and universities since 2016, and many of the college and university partners have increased the number of Star Scholar transfer students accepted in the same time period.

“The Star Scholarship is about helping our hard-working students pursue the high-quality education they deserve without the burden of cost to receiving a degree, and I am incredibly proud of the hundreds of students who are now pursuing the future they deserve,” said Mayor Emanuel. “Our many college and university partners see the promise of our graduates and have been eager to help supports hundreds of students to pursue a four-year degree at an affordable price.”

Students in the Star Scholarship program are projected to graduate at a rate double the national average for first-time, full-time students at two-year public institutions. The 2018 Star Scholarship preliminary IPEDS graduation rate, which includes the Fall 2015 class, is 47 percent.

“Star is more than just a scholarship. It’s a tool that challenges our students to succeed,” said Salgado. “When ninth grade CPS students know that working hard guarantees them a tuition-free college experience, it gives them one extra motivator to keep their grades up.”

More than 800 students have graduated from City Colleges as part of the Star Scholarship program. Now entering its fourth year, the Chicago Star Scholarship has helped more than 5,300 CPS graduates — representing more than 75 zip codes and more than 200 high schools citywide — to enroll in college at no cost.

To date, Star Scholars have been earned more than $3.1 million in scholarship offers from Northwestern and other four-year colleges and universities, which include DePaul University, Dominican University, Governors State University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola University, National Louis University, North Park University, Roosevelt University and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Sixty-four percent of Star Scholars are Latino, and 60 percent are female. This program is open to undocumented students as well as to students attending CPS charter schools.

Source: Storer Rowley / Northwestern Now

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The Class of 2018-2019 Perry World House Fellows pictured clockwise from the top are: Felipe Calderón, Derek Chollet, Charles W. Dent, H.R. McMaster, Susan Rice, and Nadia Schadlow.

The University of Pennsylvania has named the 2018-19 Perry World House Fellows. Perry World House (PWH), Penn’s global policy research institute, brings students and faculty from across Penn’s schools and disciplines together with practitioners and policymakers from around the world to advance interdisciplinary, policy-relevant research on the world’s most urgent global affairs challenges.

This year’s fellows includes nine national and international policy leaders, including former Mexico president Felipe Calderón, former national security advisors H.R. McMaster and Susan Rice, and former U.S. Rep. Charles Dent. The 2018-19 class of Fellows will add to campus the varied perspective and deep expertise that come from leading the highest levels of government in the United States and abroad.

“Perry World House continues to bring the world to Penn and give our students and scholars alike an unrivaled opportunity to learn from and collaborate with some of the most powerful and experienced players on the international stage,” said Penn President Amy Gutmann. “This year’s impressive class of fellows will ensure that Perry World House continues to be a home on campus to the Penn community as well as stimulating conversations about the most pressing issues facing the world.”

Some of the 2018-19 Perry World House Visiting Fellows are:

- Felipe Calderón, former president of Mexico.
- Ambassador Susan Rice, former national security advisor.
- Charles W. Dent, a former U.S. congressman representing the 15th district in Pennsylvania.
- Bob Work, former deputy secretary of defense.
- Nadia Schadlow, former deputy national security advisor.
- Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, former deputy secretary of energy.
- Sozi Pedro Tulante, former Philadelphia city solicitor.
- Derek Chollet, executive vice president at The German Marshall Fund of the United States and former assistant secretary of defense.

“The like previous classes, this year’s visiting fellows, which includes a who’s who of policy leaders from around the world and different branches of the U.S. government, will truly become a part of the Penn community,” said William Burke-White, Richard Perry Professor and inaugural director of Perry World House. “We are building specific programs around each visitor to leverage the remarkable depth and breadth of their experience and maximize their potential to benefit Penn faculty and undergraduate and graduate students.”

Felipe Calderón

Felipe Calderón served as president of Mexico from 2006 to 2012, prior to which he served as secretary of energy. Today, the former president is chair of the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate, as well as honorary chair of the Green Growth Action Alliance, president of the Sustainable Human Development Foundation, and a member of the World Resources Institute’s board of directors. While at Perry World House, Calderón will take part in programming across the University on the future of trade, U.S.-Mexican relations, and Mexico in the global order, while also working with a Penn research assistant on a new paper.

H.R. McMaster

H.R. McMaster, a retired United States Army lieutenant general, served as the national security advisor from 2017 to 2018. He is currently the Found and Michelle Ajami Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Bernard and Susan Liastad Visiting Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute, both at Stanford University. In addition to his service at the White House, in the Army, and in wars, including the Gulf War, the Iraq War, and in Afghanistan, he is the author of “Derection of Duty: Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, The Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Lies that Led to Vietnam.” McMaster graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and holds a doctorate in American history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Susan Rice

Susan Rice served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations from 2009 to 2013 and national security advisor from 2013 to 2017. Rice, who is currently a Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow at the School of International Service, American University, earned her master’s degree and doctorate from New College, Oxford University, England, where she was a Rhodes Scholar.

Charles W. Dent

For seven terms, Dent represented the 15th District of Pennsylvania in the U.S. Congress. During that time, he served on the House Committee on Appropriations, where he chaired the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, and sat on the State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Subcommittee. Previously, he served six years on the Homeland Security Committee. Dent is currently a senior policy advisor at DLA Piper and a contributor on CNN.

Bob Work

Bob Work, who was deputy secretary of defense under both President Obama and President Trump, is currently chief executive officer of the Center for a New American Security. Work, who was in the U.S. Marine Corps for 27 years in a range of command, leadership, and management positions and served as undersecretary of the Navy from 2009 to 2013, earned a master’s of science in systems management from the University of Southern California, a master’s of science in space system operations from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a master’s in international public policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Liz Sherwood-Randall

Liz Sherwood-Randall served as the United States deputy secretary of energy and before that as special assistant to the president at the National Security Council. She attended Harvard University and then graduate school at Oxford University, where she was among the early ranks of female Rhodes Scholars. Sherwood-Randall is currently a non-resident senior fellow at Harvard’s Belfer Center.

Nadia Schadlow

Nadia Schadlow served as assistant to the president and deputy national security advisor for strategy in the Trump Administration. Prior to joining the National Security Council, she was a senior program officer in the International Security and Foreign Policy Program of the Smith Richardson Foundation. Schadlow holds a bachelor’s degree in government and Soviet studies from Cornell University and master’s and a doctorate from the John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Sozi Pedro Tulante

Sozi Pedro Tulante, who is also a lecturer at the Penn Law School, served as Philadelphia’s city solicitor. Last year, Tulante, who graduated cum laude from both Harvard Law School and Harvard College, was named among the “100 Most Influential Philadelphians,” by Philadelphia Magazine, and “Best of the Bar,” by the Philadelphia Business Journal.

Derek Chollet

A returning PWH Visiting Fellow Chollet will lead Perry World House’s graduate associate program, a monthly seminar for more than 20 graduate students from across the University. Chollet, currently the German Marshall Fund’s executive vice president, served in senior positions at the White House, State Department, and Pentagon during the Obama administration.

A complete list of Perry World House’s visiting fellows and more information on Perry World House’s research and programming is at https://global.upenn.edu/perryworldhouse.

Source: Penn Today
Purdue University researchers are developing a novel biomedical imaging system that combines optical and ultrasound technology to improve diagnosis of life-threatening diseases. The researchers have created a motorized photoacoustic holder that allows users to easily maneuver the fiber optic bundles to tune the depth where light is focused, improving the light penetration depth and signal-to-noise ratio of the images.

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One of the challenges of photoacoustic tomography is improving the penetration depth and signal-to-noise ratio past optical absorbers. The researchers believe creating optical manipulation techniques to maximize photon density could provide a solution. As a result, they have created a motorized photoacoustic holder that allows users to easily maneuver the aim of the device and tune the depth where light is focused, improving the light penetration depth and signal-to-noise ratio.

To make the system usable for the clinical diagnosis of diseases, the researchers are developing a motorized holder that allows the user to move a fiber optic bundle to a specific location inside the body. The fiber optic bundle can then be used to deliver light to the location, and the ultrasound transducer can be used to detect the backscatter of the light.

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The Purdue researchers are interested in talking with other companies about other possible uses for photoacoustic tomography. The researchers have a patent pending for the technology with the help of the Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization.

Photoacoustic tomography is a noninvasive technique that works by converting absorbed optical energy into acoustic signal. Pulsed light is sent into body tissue, creating a small increase in temperature that causes the tissue to expand and create an acoustic response that can be detected by an ultrasound transducer. The ultrasound data is used to visualize the tissue.

“The nice thing about photoacoustic tomography is the compositional information,” said Craig Goergen, an assistant professor in Purdue’s Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering. “It provides information about where blood and lipid are located, along with other essential information.”

The ultimate goal is to enhance the clinical care of patients. The results of a study describing an adjustable photoacoustic probe with improved light delivery and image quality were published Tuesday (Aug. 28) in the journal Photoacoustics.

Photoacoustic tomography can be used to detect or monitor a myriad of diseases, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer. Those are diseases that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists as among the most common, costly, and preventable of all health problems. Heart disease and cancer each account for one in every four deaths a year in the United States, and more than 30 million Americans, or more than 9 percent of the population, have diabetes. The cost of those three diseases a year in the United States is more than $718 billion a year, according to the CDC.

“It means there will be a great need for medical imaging. Trying to diagnose these diseases at an earlier time can lead to improved patient care,” Goergen said. “We are in the process now of trying to use this enhanced imaging approach to a variety of different applications to see what it can be used for.”

Among other potential uses for photoacoustic tomography is the mapping of lipid deposition within an arterial wall that can cause other health problems, measuring cardiac tissue damage and tumor biopsies. Using photoacoustic tomography for intraoperative tumor biopsies could help surgeons make sure they remove all the cancer from a patient, Goergen said.

One of the challenges of photoacoustic tomography is improving the penetration depth and signal-to-noise ratio past optical absorbers. The researchers believe creating optical manipulation techniques to maximize photon density could provide a solution. As a result, they have created a motorized photoacoustic holder that allows users to easily maneuver the aim of the device and tune the depth where light is focused, improving the light penetration depth and signal-to-noise ratio.

A video about the acoustic tomography is available at https://bit.ly/3y3db0. A complete list of co-authors is available in the abstract. The research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health.

The Purdue researchers are interested in talking with other companies about other possible uses for photoacoustic tomography. The researchers have a patent pending for the technology with the help of the Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization.

Photoacoustic tomography is a noninvasive technique that works by converting absorbed optical energy into acoustic signal. This graphic shows how dual-modality ultrasound and photoacoustic tomography can resolve structural information such as blood vessels, and compositional information such as fat deposition. Purdue researchers are working to show that photoacoustic tomography can be used to detect or monitor a myriad of diseases, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer. (Image provided)

About Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization

The Purdue Office of Technology Commercialization operates one of the most comprehensive technology transfer programs among leading research universities in the U.S. Services provided by this office support the economic development initiatives of Purdue University and benefit the university’s academic activities. The office is managed by the Purdue Research Foundation, which received the 2016 Innovation and Economic Prosperity Universities Award for Innovation from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities.

For more information about funding and investment opportunities in startups based on a Purdue innovation, contact the Purdue Foundation at foundry@prf.org. For more information on licensing a Purdue innovation, contact the Office of Technology Commercialization at innovation@prf.org.

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Graduate School Expo at Purdue to Feature More than 100 Grad Programs Nationally

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Each fall, the Big Ten+ Graduate School Exposition serves as a recruitment event for potential graduate students and brings dozens of institutions to campus for a graduate school fair.

This year, 400-plus prospective graduate students are expected to attend, and over 100 university graduate programs will be represented at the fair. The expo will take place Sept. 30-Oct. 1.

“Students interested in pursuing graduate study in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, pharmaceutical sciences and related disciplines can talk to faculty and students from several institutions,” said Lee Gordon, director of graduate admissions at Purdue. “Workshops on funding graduate study, creating a competitive application, exploring graduate education and research opportunities will be offered. Participants will have a competitive advantage of preparing for graduate school.

“Perhaps the biggest advantage is that it allows top-quality potential graduate students to experience Purdue’s atmosphere. Our graduate programs are highly ranked, and our campus is also known to be a friendly, safe and family-oriented environment. By bringing potential graduate students to campus, they can see this firsthand. It may help them decide to pursue graduate studies at Purdue rather than elsewhere.”

On Oct. 1, the event includes a graduate school fair in which outside institutions can present attendees with information. Purdue students and alumni may attend the college fair session for free with their Purdue identification card, or they may participate in all expo events - including workshops, meals and networking receptions - and pay the regular registration fee of $40 advance or $45 at the door.

“All students thinking about graduate school should attend this,” Gordon says. “And if further incentive is needed, Purdue waives the admission application fee for all grad expo attendees.”

Over 80 universities will be recruiting at the expo. In addition to Purdue, a sampling of other institutions sending representatives to the event include Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Columbia University, Duke University, Indiana University, Harvard University, Michigan State University, Northwestern University, Ohio State University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Georgia Tech, Texas A&M University, schools from the University of California system, University of Illinois, University of Maryland, University of Michigan, University of Nebraska, University of Notre Dame, Vanderbilt University, Virginia Tech University and the University of Texas.

Purdue students can find more information about registering at https://www.purdue.edu.gradschool/gradexpo/student/purdue-students.html.

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The Obama Foundation and the University of Chicago announced the inaugural class of Obama Foundation Scholars at the Harris School of Public Policy, welcoming 25 emerging leaders from around the globe to the year-long immersive program.

Each of the scholars, who come from Asia, Africa, Latin America, South Asia, the Middle East and Europe, has shown a commitment to finding practical solutions to complex challenges facing society. These change-makers are focused on a variety of global issues ranging from climate change to education to government transparency, and they are committed to reinvesting their newly acquired skills and networks in their communities after the conclusion of the program.

To learn more about the individual scholars, please visit https://harris.uchicago.edu/meet-scholars.

Consistent with the Obama Foundation’s mission, the Scholars’ program brings together 37 emerging leaders from around the globe to New York and Chicago to participate in year-long immersive learning experiences. The scholars at UChicago join the previously announced group of 12 scholars at Columbia University to complete the first cohort.

Beginning today the scholars from both universities are convening in Chicago for a week of Obama Foundation programming to kick off their year-long program. During the orientation, scholars will participate in workshops and conversations focused on building community, storytelling, action planning, and communication. They also will take part in meetings with local community leaders focused on the history of civic work and community development in Chicago and participate in a service project in Englewood.

“At a time of great and urgent need for policy innovation, we are honored that Barack and Michelle Obama have chosen the University of Chicago, and specifically Harris, as one of the sites for this truly extraordinary program,” said Katherine Baicker, dean and Emmett Dedmon Professor at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy. “These exceptional Scholars, who have already made an impact in their careers, will be vibrant members of our Harris community, bringing unique perspectives to our student body and amplifying our impact around the globe.”

“We are thrilled to welcome the inaugural cohort of Obama Foundation Scholars to our hometown, Chicago. We hope that this year at the University of Chicago and Columbia University challenges them to develop greater leadership and community-building skills and that at the end of the year they will be better prepared to tackle challenges and create positive change. We are excited to start this year-long journey together and add this inspiring group of Scholars to our growing global network of people doing extraordinary work in their communities,” said Bernadette Meehan, Chief International Officer at the Obama Foundation.

The 25 scholars at UChicago will participate in a new one-year degree program in which students will earn a Master of Arts in International Development and Policy at the Harris School of Public Policy. The 12 Scholars in New York will work with Columbia World Projects, a new initiative in which faculty and researchers from Columbia University partner with governments, nonprofits, the private sector, and governmental organizations to create tangible solutions to real-world issues.

In addition to coursework at Harris, the Obama Foundation will offer a robust program of leadership development and civic engagement throughout the academic year to help scholars gain the real-world skills, networks, tools, and experiences to expand the impact of their work when they return home. Some of these Foundation activities will include experiences throughout Chicago and the South Side, bringing the scholars’ unique perspectives to Chicago. By engaging with the local community, the Harris scholars will have the opportunity to complement the rigorous, evidence-based policy approaches they will learn in the classroom, further preparing them for future leadership roles.

More information on the Obama Foundation Scholars program can be found at obama.org/scholars.

Emerging leaders interested in applying for the next class of Obama Foundation Scholars at UChicago should visit https://apply-harris.uchicago.edu/apply/.

Source: UChicago News
Throughout the U.S. history, housing units have increased continuously, 136.57 million being the estimate as of 2017. As much as sheltering is one of the people’s basic needs, it is significant to be aware of methods and tips for obtaining houses in the United States. This article will be presenting on the ideas that you may want to consider before organizing your funds and searching for an adequate house for yourself.

When you try to buy a house, you will encounter two types of purchase: a rent or a buy. While renting can provide mobility, more savings in the short term, reduced monthly costs, and low maintenance costs, buying can provide building equity, more savings in the long-term, and even emotional satisfaction. To identify which method is more adequate for you, you should ask yourself how much you can practically afford, as well as how long you plan to stay at your house. Once you evaluate your answers to these questions, you will able to identify which benefits of the methods is more obtainable to you. Affording the house at your desired cost should be your next concern. In fact, The Federal Housing Administration recommends allocating 31% of one’s monthly income to the housing payment. For instance, if your annual gross income is $60,000, your monthly gross income is $5,000. $1,550, which is 31% of $5,000, is recommended to devote to the monthly mortgage payment.

Buying a house requires thorough management of funds. Lenders use the Fico scores, which is also known as the credit scores, to see if they can trust you when lending you the money. If the scores are considered low, you are able to improve your scores by paying down the credit card debt or cleaning up existing financial mistakes. Preparing a mortgage pre-approval is another way to prepare for your housing. A mortgage pre-approval is a letter from the lender informing the estimate he or she is willing to lend for you. Having the preapproval ahead of time can assist managing your funds and look for the adequate house at the right budget. You should always take adequate amount of time to compare the houses in the areas that you find interested in through reliable websites, including the New York Times’ real estate and Zillow. This will strengthen your decision and you will able to obtain more financial information on the houses that you are looking for. Next, take some time to visit the houses. Knowing the recent improvements, nearest stations from the house, and the number of utility fees, you will be able to decide how much you desire to live in the house.

In addition to all of the above, you should entrust yourself to a reliable real estate broker. Brokers are workers who assist you get access to houses before any actions are taken elsewhere. Even though they require the commission rate of 5 to 6, they are not getting paid until you buy a home so have them fully help you in the home buying process.
EXPO CHICAGO 2018, the International Exposition of Contemporary and Modern Art, enters its seventh year as a leading international art fair. Returning to Navy Pier’s Festival Hall in Chicago this September.

This year, the fair will bring together 135 leading international exhibitors presented alongside one of the highest quality platforms for global contemporary art and culture. Its diverse programming will include /Dialogues, IN/SITU, IN/SITU Outside, EXPO VIDEO, the Curatorial Forum, the Art Critics Forum, Special Exhibitions, EXPO Sound and OVERRIDE | A Billboard Project.

In addition, there will be the first-ever interview marathon-titled Creative Chicago, hosted by Hans Ulrich Obrist and presented by the Chicago Humanities Festival. A first-ever in the US, the program is funded by The Terra Foundation for American Art’s year-long initiative Art Design Chicago, and in alignment with EXPO CHICAGO at Navy Pier. Under the leadership of President and Director Tony Karman, EXPO CHICAGO 2018 continues to draw upon the city’s rich history as a vibrant international cultural destination, while highlighting the region’s contemporary arts community and inspiring its collector base.

The Exhibitors of EXPO CHICAGO 2018

This year’s edition of EXPO CHICAGO will welcome 135 leading international exhibitors, including strong returning galleries and notable first-time additions representing 27 countries and 63 cities from around the world.

Highlights of the program include Gavin Brown’s enterprise from New York and Rome; Carbon12 from Dubai, first-ever gallery to participate from the UAE, with solo presentation from New York; with solo presentation of recent New York Artadia awardee Jescica Vaughn; Mendes Wood DM from São Paulo, Brussels and New York, with a solo presentation of Brazilian artist Paulo Nazareth; Nahmad Projects from London, focusing on the work of Dutch-American artist Jan Frank; PKM Gallery from Seoul; Stuart Shave / Modern Art from London; Galerie Barbara Thumm from Berlin, with solo presentation of Teresa Burga; and Yares Art from New York, Palm Springs and Santa Fe, featuring seminal artists from the Color Field school.

Among returning galleries to EXPO CHICAGO are Borzo-Gallery from Amsterdam and GRIMM from Amsterdam, New York, presenting a solo exhibition of historical works by Dutch artist Ger van Elk; Rena Bransten Gallery from San Francisco and Stephen Daiter Gallery from Chicago, with a solo presentation of MacArthur Fellow Dawoud Bey; Ceysson & Bénétière from Paris, Saint-Étienne, Luxembourg and New York; Richard Gray Gallery from Chicago and New York; Edwynn Houk Gallery from New York, Zürich; Paul Kasmin Gallery from New York; David Lewis Gallery from New York, with historic works by Thornton Dial and Mary Beth Edelson; Perrotin from New York, Paris, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Seoul and Shanghai, among others.

In addition to the showcase of leading international galleries, EXPO CHICAGO 2018 will feature various sections including EXPOSURE, dedicated to solo and two artist presentations by galleries eight years and younger, curated by Creative Time Executive Director Justine Ludwig; PROFILE, highlighting single-artist installations and focused thematic exhibitions by established international galleries; Editions + Books, featuring artist books, editions, and multiples; and Special Exhibitions, highlighting curated booths by non-profit organizations.

The Program of EXPO CHICAGO

Alongside the gallery program, EXPO CHICAGO 2018 will present IN/SITU, EXPO VIDEO and EXPOSURE programs.

Curated by Pablo León de la Barra, Curator at large, Latin America, IN/SITU features large-scale, suspended sculptures and site-specific works installed within the expansive, vaulted architecture of Navy Pier’s Festival Hall.

Curated by Anna Gritz, KW Institute for Contemporary Art in Berlin Curator, EXPO VIDEO features a dynamic, curated screening program for film, video and new media works by artists represented by 2018 exhibitors.

Curated by Justine Ludwig for the second year, Deputy Director/Chief Curator at Dallas Contemporary, the EXPOSURE section will be installed on the main floor of the exposition, featuring solo and two-artist presentations represented by galleries eight years and younger.

As part of the /Dialogues programming presented in partnership with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, EXPO CHICAGO will present continuous programming open to all visitors throughout each day of the fair, providing multiple opportunities to attend provocative artistic discourse. The program will bring together leading international artists, curators, scholars and arts professionals, presenting some of the most engaging, thought-provoking discussions in modern and contemporary art.


Practical Information

EXPO CHICAGO 2018 will take place at Navy Pier’s Festival Hall in Chicago from September 27th until September 30th, 2018. The vernissage with a benefit for the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, presented by the MCA Women’s Board will be held on Thursday, September 27th from 6 to 9 p.m.

The doors of the fair will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The price of the One-Day Pass will be $20, the Three-Day Pass will be $30, while a Guided Tour + One-Day Pass will be $20.

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China’s yuan has sunk in value against the dollar. That helps the environment. But they need to keep the expansion above growth number to poverty reduction, energy efficiency and Chinese leaders want to shift emphasis from the headline other producers.

With less demand from Chinese steel mills, global prices for profits weakened.

Growth in retail sales, a bigger part of the Chinese economy than exports, was weaker than expected in July and close to a 14-year low. Factory output and other sectors also decelerated. Beijing responded by easing lending and boosting government spending.

“We expect the economy to get worse before it gets better,” said Nomura economists in a report.

The government is pumping money into the economy with plans to spend more on building roads, bridges and other public works.

This month, sales of infrastructure bonds raised 280 billion yuan ($41 billion), more than the total for the first seven months of the year, according to Macquarie Bank’s Larry Hu. Beijing has speeded up the rollout of plans to ease restrictions on foreign ownership in auto manufacturing, banking and insurance.

The moves are not, however, intended to address American complaints at the center of the trade war. Those hinge on Chinese objections to Chinese plans for state-led creation of global champions in robotics, electric cars and other technologies. American officials complain those violate Beijing’s market-opening commitments and might erode U.S. industrial leadership.

Instead, China is trying to reduce reliance on foreign markets and technology by promoting domestic consumption and industry development.

Tumbling stocks

While Wall Street sets records, China’s stock market is 2018’s worst global performer.

The market benchmark tumbled 25 percent from its January peak to mid-August. It has gained 3.7 percent since then after government spending plans helped to revive investor confidence.

The biggest decliners are real estate, construction and other companies hardest-hit by Beijing’s lending controls.

Shares in Poly Real Estate Group, one of China’s biggest developers, have lost 40 percent of their value this year. Aluminum Corp. of China Ltd., the country’s biggest aluminum producer, is down by half.

The biggest gainers are smaller tech companies that look set to benefit from official industry plans. Shares in Zhongsheng Technology Ltd., a Beijing-based maker of insulators for telecoms, medical and automotive equipment, are up 400 percent this year.

Trade impact

July exports to the United States rose 13.3 percent over a year ago despite a tariff hike. Forecasters expect exports to soften but say that will be due more to flagging global demand than to American controls.

The tariffs target Chinese goods such as medical equipment and factory machinery that Washington says benefit from improper industrial policies. But U.S. officials have tried to limit the blow to consumers by avoiding penalties on Barbie dolls, Apple iPhones and many other brand-name products made in Chinese factories.

China is the world’s No. 1 trader, but exports have shrunk as a share of the economy.

Last year, they were equal to 19 percent of gross domestic product, down from 38 percent in 2005. Exports supplied 0.6 percentage points of GDP growth of 6.8 percent, while consumption accounted for more than half.

The United States buys about 20 percent of China’s exports. Sellers of low-margin goods such as surgical gloves and handbags say American customers are canceling orders. But producers of higher-technology goods such as factory machinery and medical equipment report little impact.

Chinese leaders are encouraging exporters to sell to other markets, especially in Asia and Africa. That will be a challenge, because their consumers buy lower-value goods than Americans.

So far, U.S. tariff hikes have had little impact on a Chinese economy that is bigger than Japan and Germany combined. The first round hit July 6 and Trump says they could spread to cover up to $250 billion of Chinese imports.

Credit Suisse says if all threatened U.S. tariffs are imposed, that might trim 0.2 percentage points off Chinese growth this year and 1.9 percentage points in 2019.

“I don’t think Beijing is willing to yield significantly,” said Hui of J.P. Morgan. “Especially to pressure from another country. You know the historical precedent of that is just not acceptable.”

Source: VOA
The Best Ice Cream Shops in NYC

What started out as a simple ice cream truck has evolved into a full-fledged operation with multiple stores where the lines often snake outside the door and around the block.

From hot fudge sundaes to soft serve dipped and sealed in chocolate, there are a number of different pleasuring options for the ice cream aficionado or casual consumer. One of the most popular offerings is the Salt Pimp, vanilla ice cream packed with salty dark chocolate pieces and swirls of dulce de leche.

Best of all, special flavors rotate weekly, so there’s always something new to try like Marcia Marcia Marshmallow, which tops marshmallow ice cream with hot fudge, pretzel bits and strawberry whipped cream.

Do you prefer soft serve to a scoop? Gelato over sorbet? Something spicy and sour instead of sweet and salty? You might even want an old fashioned hot fudge sundae. No matter your frozen preference, you can find it in one of New York City’s diverse ice cream shops.

Whether you opt for a chocolate-dipped vanilla soft serve to stay cool during the summer zizzle or a sundae with the works to stave off the winter blues, these 11 spots are ready to dish it up.

* Picks are listed in alphabetical order.

-321° Ice Cream Shop

-321° Ice Cream is different from your typical scoop shop, which keeps its ice cream sitting in tubs in a freezer.

Using liquid nitrogen, this place “flash-freezes” the ice cream and delivers it to you fresh on the spot.

And if you want that amazing picture for the “Gram, spend the extra dollar to get the “nitrogen cup,” which envelopes your ice cream in a cool vapor.

288 Grand Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211

Ample Hills Creamery

Launched in 2011, Ample Hills Creamery has practically become an institution for ice cream in NYC.

The creamery uses hormone-free milk and cream from grass-fed cows along with organic cane sugar, all of which shine through in the finished product.

It’s rich and flavorful ice cream whether it’s one of Ample Hill’s classic flavors (try the Ooey Gooeey Butter Cake) or a seasonal special such as Chocolate Trip — a chocolate ice cream packed with cookie dough and cookies and cream cupcakes.

Best of all, the shop offers pints to go so you can be ready on your couch and the ice cream craving hits.

305 Nevins St, Brooklyn, NY 11215 | 623 Vanderbilt Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11238 | 34-02 30th Ave, Astoria, NY 11103

Big Gay Ice Cream

Big Gay Ice Cream has been steadily churning out some of the best ice cream NYC has to offer since 2009. Owners Doug Quint and Bryan Petroff chose the store name not as a political statement but as a double meaning for the duo’s sexual orientation and happiness in general.

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61 Grove St, New York, NY 10014 | 125 E 7th St, New York, NY 10009

Grom

Italian import Grom has established itself as the place to go for gelato in New York City. Unlike many other places, Grom doesn’t use any emulsifiers in its gelato, which results in a less foamy but softer and creamier gelato with less air.

But, fair warning: Grom’s gelato melts faster than your typical ice cream because the company doesn’t use any thickeners in its products. The melt factor shouldn’t be a problem once you taste Crema Di Grom, a pastry-cream flavored gelato with corn biscuits and chocolate chips swirled in.

Good news for the lactose-intolerant: Grom has you covered, since all but one of its sorbets are vegan. And everything on the menu is gluten free, including cones.

Special flavors rotate monthly with items such as Lampone E Cioccolato, which is a raspberry sorbet studded with Venezuelan chocolate chips.

1706 Broadway, New York, NY 10019 | 4438, 233 Bleecker St, New York, NY 10014 | 185 Greenwich St, New York, NY 10007

Ice & Vice

Ice & Vice does not do basics.

If you’re looking for something simple, you won’t find that here as the ice cream shop likes to push the boundaries, offering unique flavors that you can’t get anywhere else.

While there are nine permanent flavors on the menu, theme-based seasonal ones show up regularly. Right now the theme is ÖPENBAR, where you can get ice cream flavors based on some of NYC’s most popular cocktails like frose, pitia colada and michelada.

And if your sweet tooth is particularly strong, you can amp it up with additions like an ice cream sandwich or even a slice of ice cream pie right on top of your ice cream. These options are strictly for truly serious ice cream lovers.

221 E Broadway, New York, NY 10002

La Newyorkina

Owner Fany Gerson had a simple mission when she started La Newyorkina: Share the sweetness of Mexico.

Born and raised in Mexico, Gerson made a name for herself as a pastry chef in New York before striking out on her own.

At La Newyorkina, Mexican-style ice cream -- containing less air and fat, similar to gelato -- is on offer. You’ll find flavors such as Mexican vanilla bean, Oaxacan chocolate chunk and tres leches cake. The toppings are also not your run-of-the-mill sprinkles and jimmies. Here you’ll find spicy candied mangoes and crispy cinnamon-sugar cookies that can be added to your ice cream.

You will often find Gerson’s Mexican-style ice pops (paletas) at stores and carts across the city. Mango chile, hibiscus raspberry and the roasted banana are regularly available.

The chamoyada -- a mix between a slushy and sorbet -- is the most unique offering, which adds charroy (pickled plum juice), salted Chile and a tamarind candy straw to make a spicy, fruity and sour treat that hits all the right flavor notes.

240 Sullivan St, New York, NY 10012 | Astor Pl, New York, NY 10003 | 103 N 3rd St, Brooklyn, NY 11249

Morgernstern’s

Morgernstern’s has the look and feel of a classic ice cream parlor, but one glance at its diverse menu of flavors lets you quickly know that it’s far from your typical ice cream shop.

While classic flavors such as chocolate and vanilla are well represented, this lower Manhattan spot also offer unique flavors like green tea pistachio, Vietnamese coffee and cinnamon whiskey.

You can also add an array of toppings from expected staples such as fudge and caramel to more adventurous options like pickled pineapple and sesame honeycomb.

2 Rivington St, New York, NY 10002

OddFellows

With flavors such as burnt marshmallow, miso cherry and buttermilk honey blueberry, OddFellows’ ice cream flavors and concoctions are as diverse as they are delicious.

Take the Odd Pocket for example: Brioche bread is stuffed with ice cream and pressed like a panini. The end result is a warm and toasty bun with a cold ice cream filling.

The new shop in the Lower East Side is a hybrid ice cream parlor and coffee shop for when you want a pick-me-up to go with your sugar rush. The Coffee & Cream by OddFellows shop on East Houston Street is a dream come true for coffee and ice cream lovers alike. Standouts include the affogato, cold-brew milkshake and a parfait-sundae hybrid called Café Liégeois that layers espresso, coffee soil (coffee, salt, flour, almond flour, and sugar), ice cream, a wafer cookie and whipped cream.

55 E Houston St, New York, NY 10012 | 175 Kent Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11249 | 75 E 4th St, New York, NY 10003

Republic of Booza

Booza is a type of Mediterranean ice cream that uses two special ingredients to separate it from anything else offered in NYC: sahlab (ground orchid root) and...
mastic (a resin taken from mastic trees on the Greek island of Chios).

The result is a more flavorful, dense, stretchy (yes, you read that right) and slower-melting ice cream that you can really savor and enjoy with every mouthful.

If you like the classic staples, Booza has options like chocolate or salted caramel.

But if you feel like going off the beaten path, choose from a selection of boundary-pushing flavors such as horchata de chufa, Sichuan white chocolate and even Bloody Mary (unfortunately, without the booze). Constantly experimenting with new flavors, the shop entices you to return to see what else is on the menu.

76 N 4th St, Brooklyn, NY 11249

Soft Swerve

This unassuming soft serve shop in the Lower East Side keeps things simple with only a few base flavors, but you can get creative with all types of toppings and flavor swirls to make up your own crazy confections.

If you’re feeling overwhelmed by all of the options, pick from their Swerve specials menu and order the addictive Mott and Mulberry, a matcha soft serve with crushed Oreos and a drizzle of chocolate on top.

85 Allen St, New York, NY 10002

Taiyaki

You can find waffles or cones at practically any ice cream shop in NYC. However, at Taiyaki, it’s fish-shaped Japanese waffles that are made fresh on-site.

Lightly crispy on the outside and chewy on the inside with a custard or red bean filling, it’s the perfect complement to the extremely sweet soft serve ice cream.

The shop also offers fun toppings like wafer sticks and mini mochi rice cakes.

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Budae jjigae 부대찌개

Army Base Stew

Ingredients (Serves 4)

For the stock:
- 2 dried shitake mushrooms
- 8 large dried anchovies, heads and guts removed, in a soup strainer or tightly wrapped in a cheesecloth
- Dried kelp (a 5 x 6 inch sheet)
- 8 cups water
- 1 teaspoon salt

For the seasoning paste:
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon hot pepper paste
- 2 tablespoons hot pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons water

For stew:
- ½ pound pork belly (or pork shoulder), cut into bite size pieces
- 2 ounces of sweet potato starch noodles, soaked in water for 30 minutes and drained
- 1 cup worth cabbage, cut into bite size pieces
- ½ of a medium onion, sliced
- 2 green onions, cut into 1 inch pieces
- ½ cup fermented kimchi, chopped
- 4 ounces of spam, sliced thinly
- ½ of packaged instant ramyeon
- 1 cup worth radish sprouts (or spinach, watercress, arugula)
- ¼ cup worth tofu, sliced (Optional)
- ¼ cup canned baked beans (Optional)
- 12-16 sliced rice cakes (Optional)
- 1 slice of American cheese (Optional)

Cook and serve:
- Cook over medium high heat. Korean style is to cook at the table with a portable burner. Friends and family will be sitting around the pot, talking and laughing, and maybe drinking. You can take a bit of cooked sausage or the meat with your chopsticks as you wait for the broth to boil and the noodles to soften. If you don’t have a tabletop burner, you can cook it on the stove away from the table.
- When it starts boiling about 10 minutes later, stir and turn the ingredients over with tongs to cook evenly.
- Budae jjigae (Army Base Stew): Serve right after the noodles and ramyeon have softened. Transfer some cooked stew to individual bowls and serve. Add more stock as the broth boils down.

Prepare stock:
- Combine the water, anchovies, mushrooms, and kelp in a large pot. Cover and cook for 25 minutes over medium high heat. Add the pork and cook for another 10 minutes.
- Remove the pot from the heat. Take out the anchovies, kelp and mushrooms. Slice the mushrooms into bite size pieces.
- Strain the mixture of the stock and the pork into a large bowl. Put the pork into a small bowl. You will get about 6 cups of stock. Stir in the salt until dissolved.

Source: CNN

Stay true to yourself, yet always be open to learn. Work hard, and never give up on your dreams, even when nobody else believes they can come true but you. These are not clichés but real tools you need no matter what you do in life to stay focused on your path.

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This is going to hurt

It seems self-evident: an overworked person is tired; hence more likely to have an accident at work. But proving this is surprisingly difficult. It might be that riskier jobs also have more demanding hours, or simply that people who work more hours spend more time at risk, even if they don’t do overtime. But a study that analysed 13 years of job records in the US found that “working in jobs with overtime schedules was associated with a 61% higher injury hazard rate compared to jobs without overtime”.

This specific study stops short of saying that fatigue is the primary cause of this increased risk, but there is ample evidence to suggest this might be the case.

For instance, if you woke at 8 a.m. and were still awake at 1 a.m. the next day (that is, if you had been up for 17 hours straight), your physical performance would likely be worse than if you had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.05%. This is the level that an average 73 kg male would get if he had drunk two 355ml cans of beer. That’s right, you’re drunk on overtime.

If you remained awake until 5 a.m., the impairment would be similar to having 0.1% of blood alcohol – more than the 0.08% that is considered the legal driving limit in most countries of the world.

So, an all-nighter will make your physical performance (things like your reaction time or coordination) as impaired as if you were too drunk to drive. And if you can’t drive, will you be able to work safely and competently? Maybe typing on a computer is not very risky, but this is something definitely worth considering when doing manual or physical labour, or if your work demands attention to detail.

The algorithmic ‘whip’

Still, a lot of people feel trapped in the cycle – they rely on overworking to make ends meet and pay their bills. They are stuck in a system that incentivises them for clocking up lots of hours, or for working through the night if their clients live in another time zone.

For example, this is often the case for ‘gig economy’ workers in Southeast Asia and Africa, hired by companies or entrepreneurs in the US, UK or Europe through freelancer platforms to do things like coding, blog post working, website building or social media management.

Some recent research led by Alex J Wood, from the Oxford Internet Institute, reveals that the algorithms that assign jobs to these workers are a powerful driver to sustained overworking.

Basically, the higher your ranking on these platforms, the more likely you are to be hired. But to get these good reviews, workers have to accommodate everything their client wants, with little room for negotiating better conditions: “They have to be available to communicate whenever they are wanted. If the client has a very short deadline, they have to accept. Otherwise, they will be given a bad rating”, says Wood in an interview.

If the worker is not in the top rankings, this pressure only increases. Some try to attract more gigs by charging extremely low prices, forcing them to work very long hours for little money. Furthermore, most invest a significant amount of unpaid labour too, on admin like setting up profiles, bidding for gigs on the platform, and acquiring skills to create a more attractive profile. All this adds up to a very long and exhausting routine.

As one interviewee on Wood’s research said, “I’m so broke, this is someone who’s ready to give me the money, so why don’t you want 18 hours in one day?”

These patterns seem to replicate in many areas of the gig economy. There have been reports in the US that some drivers working for ride-hailing firms are driving up to 20-hour shifts to take advantage of fare spikes. And in the UK, Uber limited its drivers to 10 hours of continuous use of the app, after a parliamentary probe.

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According to Wood, “the most obvious impact is sleep deprivation,” which reinforces the vicious cycle of little rest and long hours. “People would be more productive if they didn’t have these long hours. But the way the businesses are set up means that people cannot maximise that productivity because they have to be working late at night to meet a deadline.” Freelance platforms have been under fire for glorifying such unhealthy lifestyles, with good reason.

His study does not show how many of these ‘gig’ workers actually work for very long hours, and he clarifies that things are usually a lot better for freelancers in Europe,
the UK and the US, who have more specialised skills and a lot more bargaining power. Still, in the Global South, there are signs that this cycle of overwork is becoming ingrained. More than half of the workers interviewed by Wood and his team said that they had to work at very high speed, 60% worked to tight deadlines, and 22% experienced physical pain as a result of their work.

Always ‘on call’

The era when work ended as people left the office is long gone. Checking and answering messages from work seems unavoidable – and even desirable for some people, as they feel it allows them to outperform competitors, or to spend more time with family without losing track of their jobs. As put by a 2006 academic paper from Ian Towers, a researcher from SRH Hochschule in Berlin, mobile technology “increases expectations: managers and colleagues alike expect staff to be almost always available to do work”.

But being ‘on call’ is not the same as being off work, and the way our body reacts to both situations is very different. A 2016 study found that the cortisol levels (the hormone that regulates the ‘light or fight’ reaction and plays a role in raising stress levels) of people ‘on call’ rise faster in the mornings than those of people who are not required to be available, even if they don’t end up working that day.

This hormone usually has its peak concentration when we wake up, and it decreases on the rest of the day. But scientists believe everyday stress factors tamper with its cycle in several ways: it rises faster when you expect a stressful day (researchers believe this may be the case here), its levels remain high if you are chronically stressed, and it does not rise if you are going through a ‘burnout syndrome’ – something usually preceded by a chronic stress period.

As a result, people also find it more difficult “mentally detaching work from non-work” when they are ‘on call’, as well as choosing to do the activities that they really want – a trait researchers call ‘control’. In other words: workers don’t feel like the time they are ‘on call’ is really their own, and their stress levels rise accordingly. Hence, researchers conclude that days where availability is demanded “cannot be considered leisure time, because recovery – a crucial function of leisure time – is restricted under such circumstances”.

What to do?

Working for days at a time is not smart, even if you are Elon Musk. The news of his unhealthy work routine has not been well received by investors, and Tesla’s stock fell 8.8% shortly after the NYT interview, amid suspicions of Musk’s poor mental health. Take it as a sobering tale: if you can avoid working for days at a time, just do it, as it has no positive effects on your health, your well-being, or your productivity. Even if you think you are an exception, most likely you are not.

The big problem is for the most vulnerable freelancers, who don’t seem to have a chance to stop the cycle of overworking and diminishing productivity. The underlying problem, as Wood says, is that “clients are able to damage future earnings for workers”, while freelancers have little bargaining power.

It is unlikely that these platforms move to change this, especially when this business model allows them to move billions of dollars each year. Meanwhile, if you happen to hire a freelancer online, it might be better to give your “hired hand” some extra time: they might not only do a better work, but their life could be a lot better as a result.

Source: BBC

6 Common Houseplant Problems and How to Fix Them

Do you have a houseplant problem you can’t figure out? It’s important to determine exactly what’s going on with your plants so you can take the right action to correct the issue. What follows are some of the most common houseplant problems, as well as what causes them, and what to do about them.

1. WILTING
You might assume a wilting plant needs water, but wilting can also be a sign of overwatering. Excessive moisture for prolonged periods can cause some roots to die from lack of oxygen, and these roots will start to rot. The rot can spread to other roots, and soon your entire plant may be turning yellow and wilting from the root damage.

How to Fix
Make sure your plant dries out enough in between watering. If you can feel moisture on or close to the surface of the potting soil, or if the pot feels quite heavy when you lift it, give your plant a bit more time before watering it again.

Repotting the plant can also help. Remove as much of the old potting soil and the dead roots as possible. Wash the pot thoroughly with soap and hot water to remove any remaining fungus or bacteria, then repot your plant in fresh soil.

2. SPINDLY GROWTH
Poor light exposure can cause a plant’s new growth to become long and leggy. Adequate light is essential for photosynthesis, the process by which plants convert light into sugars for growth and ongoing survival. When a plant is in an area that’s too dark, it will naturally start to stretch to try and find more light.

How to Fix
Make sure your plant is near a window with good light exposure for most of the day. Try for windows facing east or west. North-facing windows often don’t get strong enough light. Whereas, south-facing windows can get too much hot sun. You could also consider buying a grow light to help your plant out. Another option is to grow plants that are well-suited to low-light conditions.

3. SCORCHED LEAVES
Plants’ leaves can get physically burnt from too much direct sun. On thinner leaves, a burn often turns into a dried-out patch somewhere on the leaf. Thicker leaves might develop discolored or dried-out spots on the sun-exposed side of the leaf. The leaves of some plants, such as certain succulents, can also turn red when exposed to too much sun.

How to Fix
Move your plant to a window that doesn’t receive as much direct sun. Also keep in mind that afternoon sun is typically more intense than morning sun, so an east-facing window is likely a better choice than a window facing west or south.

4. BROWN LEAF TIPS
Are the tips of your plant’s leaves drying up and turning brown? This can be due to a variety of reasons, but the most common is inconsistent watering. If you alternate between watering your plant heavily and then letting it get too dry, the leaf tips will start to die back from the stress. Less common reasons can be low humidity or a buildup of salts from fertilizer or softened water.

How to Fix
You can start by trimming the dry edges off the leaves with clean, sharp scissors. Next, make sure your plant is on a regular watering routine. Once the top of the soil feels dry, or the pot feels light, water the pot thoroughly until water comes out the bottom. Avoid letting it stay too dry or too wet for long periods.

You can mist or wash the leaves of your plant regularly to raise the humidity. And if the issue is salt buildup, take your plant to a sink or bathtub and water it until water runs out of the bottom repeatedly, at least three or four times. This will help flush out the excess salts. In future, use distilled water instead of softened water to water your plants, and be careful to never use more fertilizer than recommended on the package.

5. YELLOW OR DROPPING LEAVES
When a plant is under stress, it may start reducing its own leaves as a way of conserving energy. A plant can react this way when it’s stressed by inconsistent watering, low light conditions, temperature fluctuations, disease or poor nutrition.

How to Fix
Try to ensure your plant has as little stress as possible. Water your plant evenly and consistently, position it to get clean, sharp scissors. Next, make sure your plant is on a east-facing window is likely a better choice than a window facing west or south.

6. UNUSUAL CURLING OR DISTORPTION OF LEAVES
Strange growth patterns are often a sign of insects or disease. You’ll generally see the damage on a plant before any obvious evidence of insects or pathogens. If something looks wrong on your plant, take a closer look. Are there any webs or small bugs on the undersides of the leaves or along the stems? Do the leaves have black spots, white fuzz or other signs of possible pathogens? Take a piece of your plant to a garden center to diagnose any potential disease problems.

How to Fix
Ask your local garden center or gardening expert about the best solutions for the pest you’re dealing with. You have many organic options to get rid of insects, such as washing the plant with soapy water, removing infested leaves and stems, and spraying with neem oil. Bacterial or fungal infections can be treated with baking soda, sulfur or copper sprays.

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家庭移民政策前途未卜
华人移民担心美国梦破碎

纽约一川普执政一年半以来提出大规模减少亲属移民签证等整顿合法移民的计划，但并没有得到国会足够支持。虽然许多美国公民的亲属继续等待获得合法签证的漫长过程，但他们开始担心是否还是会突然改变。

张洋和洪仙霞七十多年后退休，他们每天午餐后都会到纽约华人社区的“中华大楼”来社交。现在他们都不知道经济独立，他们自己也有了稳定的社群福利，但他们表示儿子从没有这么好过。他们28年前，通过亲友移民签证来到美国。

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洪仙霞在一家服装厂工作了10年，每周工作七天。张儒良也在一家餐馆打工。他们供养了三个孩子大学毕业。

不过现在，美国的亲属移民签证面临危机。

因为川普当局主张减少“低技能劳工移民”，实行择优积分制，根据申请人的工作、职业和语言能力打分。

支持者表示这个新系统会提高美国劳工的工资水平。

记者咨询市场多家移民公司了解到，人才移民或称职业移民是主要的替代渠道，其中EB-1A是第一优先，EB2和EB3为次优，由美国雇主担保和申请的劳工移民。市场上的移民公司办理的主要为EB5和EB-1A项目。

马宁介绍，EB-1A即杰出人才移民，是在学术、演艺、体育、商界等各个领域里的顶尖人才，原则上，要求在规定的10项标准中满足其中的3项。这10项要求包括，在所在领域内获得过省级、国家级或国际性奖项；有专业协会资格；专业刊物或主流媒体报道过其专业成就等等。

不过，这只是框架性条件，综合评估中会更为细致，马宁据其业务经验介绍说，比如协会那条，虽然不是所有协会都可以，但只要获得协会的执业资格基本都是会员，肯定不行，他们更偏好那些能体现专业能力的协会组织或学术机构，比如中科院。

“其实以前通过EB5移民的很多人都满足这些条件的，那时EB5太火爆了，也不用排期很久，那时候很多人会想花钱就能解决的事情就花钱解决，不想麻烦。现在这条路堵了，我们这些专业机构也在引导人才移民的方式。这个其实要求不高，只是以前没人关心，也不了解。”马宁说。

据记者咨询，EB-1A是人才移民第一优先不受排期影响。额度为每年4万，目前供需上处于充裕状态，尽管有时候会出现排期，但是每年10月1日放出新的额度之后，均能顺利办理。15天左右申请可获批，而像王远在七八天之内获批的情况也并不罕见，顺利的话一年左右可获得签证。

事实上，除了移民渠道上从投资向人才转移以外，美国近年的一系列政策也改变了中国人的移民目的地选择，很多人将目标转向欧洲或者其他地区的一些小国。

上海新古律师事务所主任、移民投行家族办公室中国区主席王怀涛指出，目前移民美国的以普通中产为主，而更多有资产保值、财富规划等需求的高净值、超高净值人士倾向于选择瑞士、希腊等地区。

马宁则提醒了另一个常见的问题，即由于人才移民有一定的条件限制，有些人申请资格并不完全符合，但部分中介机构提供“包装”功能，收费极高，因此会被拒绝。“被坑”的案例也不在少数。

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王远（化名）近期在考虑移民美国的问题，在他的印象中，EB5投资移民是非常热门的一个途径，于是找到了律师咨询流程。

律师告诉他，目前通过EB5移民需要等待10年左右的时间，不过根据其自身条件，可以通过杰出人才移民的途径。王远听从其建议，递交了EB-1A申请，8天之后获得了移民局的批准。

“我们做美国移民的人都能感受到这种明显的变化，EB5做得越来越少，EB-1A的需求在迅速增长。”上海德美律师事务所管理合伙人马宁即王远的移民律师对21世纪经济报道记者如此表示。据他预估，今年申请EB-1A的人比去年增长了3倍。

根据美国国务院和国土安全部公布的官方数据，颁发给中国人的EB5签证2014年时达到9000多个，是为高峰，2015年-2016年连续两年下降，2016年回落至7600多个，相当于2013年的水平。占比上看，2014-2016年，中国人申请占比一路下滑，分别为85.4%、83.5%、75.6%。

EB5受限的大背景是，投资移民的额度自1990年以来就一直维持在1万个没有变化，但是中国人申请的数量却在2008年之后迅猛增长，供需关系的变化导致申请者需要经历漫长的等待期，使得其吸引力下降。此外，美国于2014年开始正式生效的《海外账户纳税法案》打击海外账户避税问题，也让一些有意向移民美国的“大户”望而却步。

记者咨询市场多家移民公司了解到，人才移民或称职业移民是主要的替代渠道，其中EB-1A是第一优先，EB2和EB3为次优，由美国雇主担保和申请的劳工移民。市场上的移民公司办理的主要为EB5和EB-1A项目。

马宁介绍，EB-1A即杰出人才移民，是在学术、演艺、体育、商界等各个领域里的顶尖人才，原则上，要求在规定的10项标准中满足其中的3项。这10项要求包括，在所在领域内获得过省级、国家级或国际性奖项；有专业协会资格；专业刊物或主流媒体报道过其专业成就等等。

不过，这只是框架性条件，综合评估中会更为细致，马宁据其业务经验介绍说，比如协会那一条，并不是否所有协会都可以，类似律师协会只要获得执业资格基本都是会员，那肯定不行，他们更偏好那些能体现专业能力的协会组织或学术机构，比如中科院。

“其实以前通过EB5移民的很多人都满足这些条件的，那时EB5太火爆了，也不用排期很久，那时候很多人会想花钱就能解决的事情就花钱解决，不想麻烦。现在这条路堵了，我们这些专业机构也在引导人才移民的方式。这个其实要求不高，只是以前没人关心，也不了解。”马宁说。

据记者咨询，EB-1A是人才移民第一优先不受排期影响。额度为每年4万，目前供需上处于充裕状态，尽管有时候会出现排期，但是每年10月1日放出新的额度之后，均能顺利办理。15天左右申请可获批，而像王远在七八天之内获批的情况也并不罕见，顺利的话一年左右可获得签证。

事实上，除了移民渠道上从投资向人才转移以外，美国近年的一系列政策也改变了中国人的移民目的地选择，很多人将目标转向欧洲或者其他地区的一些小国。
美国移民局变更毕业实习政策

STEM专业换雇主须及时报告

美国公民及移民服务局17日宣布，属STEM理工专业类的留学生在OPT(毕业实习)期间若变更雇主，必须在十日内登录网站变更信息，并向学校报告最新信息，以加强对其OPT的管控。

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中国侨网8月19日电   据美国《世界日报》报道，美国公民及移民服务局(USCIS)17日宣布，属STEM理工专业类的留学生在OPT(毕业实习)期间若变更雇主，必须在十日内登录网站变更信息，并向学校报告最新信息，以加强对STEM OPT的管控。

USCIS当日宣布更新针对理工科留学生的OPT项目的相关政策，明确说明参与OPT项目的学要与USCIS进行工作相关报告；一旦工作或实习发生变化，学生和雇主必须要尽快提交修改后的I-983表格给相对应的学校单位。

若学生结束与公司的雇佣关系，雇主必须在结束五天内向学校报告；若学生的雇主发生变化，学生必须在十天内向自己的学校更新雇主名称和地址。

此外，美国国土安全部(Department of Homeland Security)当日也确认，只要符合培训要求、且雇主与员工之间的雇佣关系是真实的，那么STEM专业OPT参与者可以在雇主主要办公地点以外的地方进行职业培训。

国土安全部表示，会以个案审理方式，来核查学生与雇主的关系是否真实，以及是否按照签署的培训计划，并会加强审查，以确认签署培训计划的雇主是否为给员工提供实际培训的单位。

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—莫言
8月15日，美国公民和移民局（USCIS）局长弗朗西斯·西斯纳（L. Francis Cissna）接受华府智库移民研究中心（Center for Immigration Studies）访问，对美国近期的移民政策变化及其背后原因做出分析，包括H1B工作签证配额、择优制绿卡制度、滥用社会福利、剥夺归化公民国籍及难民申请等问题。（Samira Bouaou/大纪元）

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西斯纳强调，移民局作为行政机构，所做出的改革决定都需严格依照美国现有法律制度及国会法案。

H1B工作签证及配偶工作许可

为外国雇员申请H1B工作签证的流程复杂且充满不确定性，西斯纳表示，他理解美国雇主的难处。不过，H1B申请标准和配额是由国会法案决定的，移民局只是具体执行的行政机构，并没有资格修改章程。

滥用H1B签证的案例屡见不鲜。西斯纳表示，移民局已加派人手，加强对移民签证申请资质的审核，并派人到实地考察，核实申请材料的可靠性。

西斯纳希望，雇主在申请H1B工作签证时，能够遵守法律，确保签证申请的合规性。

西斯纳说，移民局并不是要阻挠外国移民到美国工作，而是想确保工作签证发放给了美国最需要的人才，同时也要注意对美国劳动市场的冲击，特别是在科技领域。

不过，西斯纳透露，移民局有可能采用一定的行政手段提高从美国本土学校毕业的申请人获得H1B签证的可能性。

针对H1B签证的改革，西斯纳表示，未来面谈的范围将进行扩大。(John Moore/Getty Images)

国籍配额及择优制绿卡

根据移民局数据，目前有30.66万印度籍职业移民在等待绿卡，中国籍公民位居第二，约为6.7万人，前十名中的其它国家为若干至数千人不等。由同一国家的获批者不能超过总人数的7%，印度和中国国籍申请人的等待时间格外漫长。

职业移民申请绿卡需要开列雇主的配合，过长的等待使申请者非常被动，很多时候不得不忍受雇主的低薪和苛待。

对于取消国家配额限制的呼声，西斯纳回应，这有可能缓解印度移民的等待时间，但同时带来另一个问题——根据提交的日期顺序，未来数年内职业绿卡获得者绝大多数将优先考虑印度，这对移民来源的多样性会产生影响。

西斯纳表示，取消国家配额限制是必要的，但同时也要注意对美国劳动市场的冲击，特别是在科技领域。

几个月前，移民局宣布要聘用更多律师，重新审查已归化美国国籍的公民材料，一度引起轩然大波。西斯纳在15日的活动上对这一问题做出了解释。

约十年，移民局发现，有一批曾被美国遣返的外籍公民，通过申请其它种类签证，非法进入美国，期间许多人在美国西部地区注册，移民局重新整理案件后发现，至少有数千人入籍后隐瞒了曾被遣返的记录，西斯纳表示，这不仅会给移民政策带来挑战，也会对社会安全产生影响。

西斯纳指出，面谈的范围将来会进一步扩大。

滥用社会福利

从1882年起，美国移民法规定，签证官和移民官有权禁止可能会成为“社会负担”的人进入美国或申请绿卡。所谓“社会负担”是指一个人长期接受政府资助，政府的失业救济是此人日常收入的主要来源，并且已经达到一定时间长度。

克林顿执政时期，曾尝试对这条法律进一步解释，但并没有成功。西斯纳说，这一问题已然存在，但一直以来并没有明确的法规指导这一条文的实施。川普政府所要做的就是明确“社会负担”的具体界定，而不是针对移民的恶意。虽然会面临来自公众的压力，但西斯纳认为这是必须要做的事情。

剥夺归化公民国籍

移民局重新整理案件后发现，至少有数千人入籍后隐瞒了曾被遣返的记录，西斯纳表示，这不仅会给移民政策带来挑战，也会对社会安全产生影响。

西斯纳表示，面谈的范围将来会进一步扩大。
非法移民马上要得绿卡 却面临遣返

据报道，现年32岁的非法移民卡瑞纳（Karina Bailon Bailon），其青少年时从墨西哥南部逃到美国，目前与一名公民结婚。近日，卡瑞纳申请了绿卡，以为从此可以合法留在美国。她甚至还拿到一名法官的有利决定。7月25日，纽约市移民法官西澈尔（Helen Sichel）做出裁决，以当年《出庭通知书》上没有写明时间和日期、递解令有缺陷为由，取消（nullify）了一份针对卡瑞纳的、于2001年发出的递解令（deportation order），当时她只有15岁。

卡瑞纳的律师表示，法官西澈尔的裁定，依据的是最高法院法官索托马约尔（Sonia Maria Sotomayor）的先例：如果递解令中存在错误，那么就不应将非法移民遣返。

卡瑞纳原本打算在9月13日，回到墨西哥的美国大使馆进行面谈，以完成获得合法身份的最后一步。可是，美国移民与海关执法局（ICE）对法官取消递解令提出上诉，并表明，只要有2001年的递解令，他们随时可以将卡瑞纳递解出境。

8月16日，ICE提交了加急上诉（expedited appeal），并告诉卡瑞纳的律师，他们可以在接下来的30天内递解卡瑞纳，律师表示，这是他头一次在递解流程中见到ICE申请了加急上诉。

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留学

中国赴加留学人数10年增长226% 申请竞争激烈

据加拿大移民部公布的学习许可持有者数据显示，从2008年到2017年这10年间，在加拿大学习的中国学生总人数的增长率高达226%。仅2017年，就有约14.1万中国学生在加拿大留学，这也意味着，在加拿大的国际留学生中，每10个里面有近3个是中国留学生。

《中国留学报告》分析认为，加拿大之所以成为中国学生青睐的留学目的地有三方面的原因：其一，加拿大政府教育投入比重高；其二，加拿大留学费用在热门留学国家中相对最低；其三，加拿大大学及学院提供的带薪实习机会，有助于获取就业所需实践经验。

《中国留学报告》显示，有超过90%的学生都将本科申请提前到1年以上开始做准备，其中提前2年以上开始准备申请的学生占6.4%。与本科类似，加拿大硕士申请，学校除了要求申请学生达到学术成绩及语言成绩的标准之外，更加关注学生的项目经历、活动经历以及实习工作经历。与此同时，加拿大多数本科名校录取，也依旧要求中国学生提交高考成绩进行CQV（中国学位与教育文凭认证），此外，随着加拿大名校申请人数的连年增加，多伦多大学、英属哥伦比亚大学和西蒙菲莎大学这3所名校在公布的2019年申请标准改革方案中，加强了对加拿大当地学生以及国际学生的学术及语言要求，开始加入考察申请专业的高中课程成绩。

对此，《中国留学报告》建议，除了关注专业排名外，还应关注该专业的课程设置更偏知识理论还是实践运用，该专业是否包含带薪实习项目，该专业未来的薪酬预期等。

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《2018中国海归就业创业调查报告》通过2190份有效问卷调查显示，新生代的海归群体出生年代集中在1985-1995年之间，其中，90后成为海归主体，占比高达55%，实际年龄在23-28岁之间。

《中国海归就业创业调查报告》显示，95%的海归都在回国后的半年内找到工作，而国内的就业前景也更加吸引留学生回国工作。

本科留学的年纪在18、19岁左右，硕士留学的年纪在22、23岁左右，也不过就是四五年的光阴而已，但是其实我们要知道的是，一个人的价值观在世界观都是在上大学的这几年才逐渐形成的，可以说是定型，在以后的学习或是工作中，很难改变。

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为什么出国留学读本科的人越来越多？

从海归群体获得的学位、学历看，硕士学位最多，占比达56%，其次是学士学位，占比38%，博士学位、专科和其他占比都在2%左右。

与去年相比，硕士学位占比下降了6个百分点，学士学位占比上升了7个百分点，出国读取本科的留学生越来越多。

可以看出，留学目的正在发生变化，越来越多的留学生选择本科留学，这与国内就业市场的需求和国际教育的环境变化有关。

《2018年中国海归就业创业调查报告》显示，从就业状态看，72%的海归已就业，16%的海归正在找工作，5%的海归正在创业。但是总的说来，95%的海归都能在归国以后的半年内找到工作，而国内的就业前景也更加吸引留学生回国工作。
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所以，我总对学生和家长说：常春藤想也别想，想了也白想。你别觉得多申请一个不费事，不试白不试。你的申请信，其实不过是给人家录取办公室填废纸篓而已。真正的精力，要花在自己有实际竞争力的学校。美国的精英大学，领头拿自己超低的录取率炒作，引发了申请者的恐慌，于是开始乱放枪，投寄越来越多的申请信，最终让精英大学录取办公室的废纸篓越装越满，录取率就越来越低，接着是新一轮变本加厉的恐慌……

在这种恶性循环中，申请者得到的经验是：多投申请，被录取的机会就多。每年录取季，新闻上动辄七十几所大学offer，2014年5月，纽约长岛一位黑人青年，SAT才考了2250分，被常春藤盟校全部录取，据说创了历史记录，一时间成为名人。其实，过去谁会申请这么多常春藤？很明显，肤色也帮了他大忙。要是亚裔，即使SAT考了满分，也不可能有这等业绩。另外，即使他有着肤色优势，也不敢大意，一口气对常春藤进行“地毯式轰炸”，本想击中一个就行，谁知全部得手。

据说，这位黑人青年最终选择了耶鲁，其他几所常春藤肯定后悔自断手脚了。这些大学不仅拼录取率，还要拼接受率。即你录取的学生，有百分之几最终接受录取通知书、来你的学校读书。显然，录取率越低越好，接受率则越高越好，说明你具有击败竞争对手、吸引最热门学生的能力。这个指标，也是大学排名的重要因素。所以，大学都很实际，不见兔子不撒鹰，尽可能录取那些会来就读的学生。一位常春藤出身的职业升学咨询人告诉我：你在波士顿，申请耶鲁耶鲁，如果不去校园访问，想也不想去。人家觉得你这么连绵不断的校访问图谋无涉，并不认真，录取了也不会来。总之，这和谈恋爱一样，双方互相放炮对攻，准确解读对方的信号，态度很重要！
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日本人如何教育孩子

女孩走的那一天,我内心是十分的惋惜。我感觉到,这位学霸型女孩子,学业上一直是成功者,但是人格教育上存在许多的缺陷,她的内心,缺少一份坚强,容不得委屈,经受不住打击,甚至容不得别人比她好。之所以造成这么一个悲剧,我们父母亲的家庭教育存在问题,或许我们的社会也应该承担相应的责任。

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我为什么要讲这个故事,就是感觉到,日本在教育孩子自立、自律、自强,学会忍耐和打击的过程中,它有一套独自的方法可以供我们中国父母参考。

在日本教育孩子当中,动手能力教育也是一项很重要的人格教育。日本的孩子,不管学习多忙,都要帮助爸爸妈妈做家务。学会叠衣服,倒垃圾,自己整理玩具。吃完饭,碗筷都必须自己收拾好拿到厨房里去,不能放在饭桌上一走了之。

日本政府规定,小学生都必须在学校里吃午餐。但是这个午餐不是去食堂里吃,而是在教室里吃。值日生必须自己去食堂里把饭菜拿到教室里,然后分给每一位同学。每个同学吃完后,必须做两件事:一件是自己把托盘和碗筷送到洗碗池里自己清洗干净,包括把手纸盒合成洗干净,然后把碗筷各自归类放好。第二件事,就是全体同学搬课桌,光着脚翘着屁股用毛巾手擦地板,把整个教室与走廊擦洗干净。

这一个行为教育,就是让孩子们明白一个道理:你得到,就必须付出,天下没有不劳而获的好事。

日本教育孩子,还有一个原则,叫“3+2原则”。这个“3+2原则”就是父母亲和老师在教育孩子时,他做对了5件事,你只能表扬他3件,另外2件,你要提出批评,指出其不足。让孩子知道,在成功的背后,还有自己的短缺。在渴望得到表扬和奖励的时候,也会面临批评与打击。

这个“3+2原则”,就是为了培养孩子不翘尾巴,不骄不躁不自满的品德,培养从小能经受打击的坚强心理。

日本教育孩子,还有一个“一岁原则”。什么叫“一岁原则”?就是孩子长到一岁的时候,父母亲就不能再给他喂饭,孩子必须自己学习吃饭。

我终于明白了这一点。这个女孩从小就是个学霸,一直到大学毕业,在所有的同学老师和亲戚朋友面前,她始终是一个聪明而骄傲的公主。但是,到了日本留学之后,身边没有了那种众星拱月的感觉,她一下子就失去了自我。而微信群里,高中大学同学不断晒出恋爱结婚、出国旅游、买房买衣服的信息,而她不仅每天呆在实验室里,而且到现在还没找到男朋友,忽然发现自己活得那么窝囊,精神一下子陷入崩溃的状态。

学校很重视这位中国女博士的心理治疗,给她介绍了最好的医院,同时也安排老师同学与她沟通交流,但是病情时好时坏,最终不得不中断学业,随父母回国治疗。
在日本的超市里，有专门的婴儿用具货架。这些用具按年龄的不同，分成不同的大小规格，最小的是1岁孩子用，最大的是5岁孩子用。也就是说，1岁的孩子，有专用的小筷子、小调羹、小碗、小牙刷。

而在一般的家庭用餐厅，都有婴儿专用的座椅，有专门的儿童套餐，无论是吃拉面，还是面包、米饭，就让小孩子自己吃。有时候看到小朋友吃咖喱饭，把自己的脸和衣服抹得五彩缤纷，但是，爸爸妈妈还有店里的营业员都是无动于衷，任凭孩子自己胡乱地吃，从小培养起一种独立自理的精神。

日本，父母亲对孩子经常说的一句话，就是“我慢しなさい”，这句话翻译成中文的意思，就说“你要学会忍耐”。在日本超市，或者玩具店，你很少看到日本孩子因为父母亲不给她买东西而躺在地上耍赖哭闹的事情，因为父母亲从小教育他，你必须要学会忍耐。你要的东西，不能唾手可得，你必须要通过自己的劳动来获得，譬如说，在家里，每天帮你洗碗打扫卫生，一个星期之后，爸爸妈妈再答应给你买你想要的玩具。

日本人教育孩子“忍耐”的，还有“寒冷教育”。冰天雪地里穿短裤和短裙上学，在瑟瑟发抖中培养孩子的忍耐力和坚强意志。

日本这一种从小培养孩子独立自立的品德与精神，带来的最大好处是，日本人的动手能力比较强，自己一个人做食物，自己做家具，自己修汽车，在日本男人中，也是常事。而无论是男生还是女生，没有人会在自己结婚的时候，要求父母亲给自己买一套房子，租房子结婚，不会因为自己的婚事而去给父母亲添麻烦。所以，在日本人家庭，学校与社会对于孩子的教育，所追求的目标就是六个字——“自立、自律、自强”，在这一种目标的追求中，社会不会只是把博士当作人才，那些做夫妻的也会成为令人尊敬的职业。孩子们不会因为挤在华山一条道上而忧心忡忡，更因为从小受到很好的教育，心智容易成熟，整个社会也会更多地呈现一种祥和的气氛。

当然，日本社会也有抑郁症的孩子，也有自杀的孩子，但是每一次这样的事件的发生，社会各界，尤其是电信、报帐等媒体都会进行分析和反思，问题出在哪里？哪些地方还做得不够？哪些领域还需要改正与完善，让全社会来关爱这些孩子，避免悲剧的再一次发生。

所以，健康人格的培养，有时比敦促孩子考高分更为重要！

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