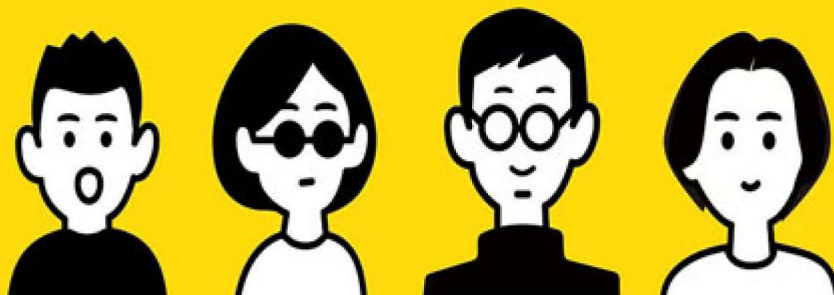


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TO BE
A GOOD LISTENER



The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Introducing The Listener's Website, Podcast & 1st Video Series

With the rise in youth depression, The Alliance Cultural Foundation's (ACF) latest initiative The Listener focuses on supporting the mental wellbeing of youths. After a year of preparation, the first video series which share the skills of listening was released on 27th August. In total 20 episodes and podcasts were publicized targeting new teachers and parents.

In addition to experiencing physical and emotional changes, academic pressure, social and family relations as well as the uncertainty of futures are all triggers of youth depression. With ACF's primary focus on Taiwan's education development, ACF recognized the growing issue. ACF works with psychologists and educators to create four video series in hopes to help young teachers and parents learn basic listening and self-awareness skills. 29 more episodes will be released by the end of the year, publicizing two episodes per week.

- Series 1: Listening Skills
- Series 2: Understanding Youths & Youth Engagement Skills
- Series 3: Classroom Management Skills
- Series 4: Introduction to Special Education

胡乃元 / TC室內樂團

Nai-Yuan Hu / TC Chamber Orchestra

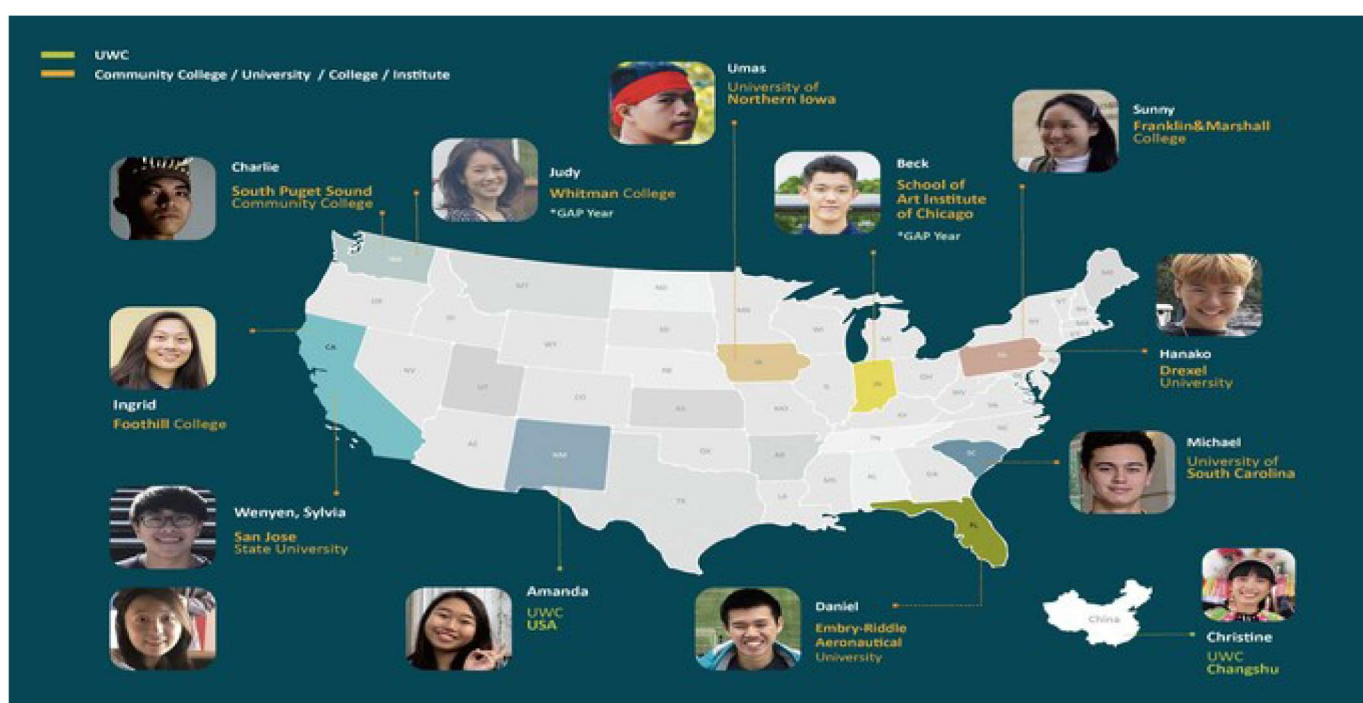
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The Alliance Cultural Foundation: Taiwan Connection's First Recording Released

Taiwan Connection (TC) released its first-ever recording featuring the TC Chamber Orchestra and Hu Nai-yuan. Recorded by six-time Grammy Award-winner Da-Hong Seetoo in 2019 at the TC Music Festival in National Kaohsiung Centre for the Arts (Weiwuying). The recording has several renowned violin concertos such as Felix Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64 played solo by Hu. It also includes Symphony No. 2, the classical yet romantic piece by Johannes Brahms as well as the encore Last Spring by Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg.

Not long after the 2019 TC Music Festival was the Covid-19 outbreak causing a shift in the world. With cases well controlled, Taiwan returns gradually to normal life. Through the first recording, TC invites listeners to enter their world for comfort and healing.



Junyi School of Innovation: Junyi Innovative Study Abroad Program

Initiated in 2017, the Junyi Innovative Study Abroad Program (JISAP) has in total 14 participants to date. They pursue a two-year education program in a community college or United World Colleges (UWC) from the US, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica to China.

Due to Covid-19, participants returned to Taiwan in March/April of 2020. Some completed their program online, some fulfilled their compulsory military service, and others took on internships at the Junyi School of Innovation. As interns, they served as teachers' assistants, lived in the dormitory sharing experiences abroad, helped prepare prospective JISAP students, hosted school tours, and visited remote schools to recruit students. With vaccines distributed vastly, eight of the participants who have completed their two-year study have returned to the US or Europe to complete two more years of university.



Junyi School of Innovation: Team Building Workshop

Communication was the 2021 theme for Junyi School of Innovation's annual team building workshop. Vertical communication and horizontal communication were the main topics of discussion. In encouraging vertical communication, teachers from different grade levels learned the learning focus of the different grades. In supporting horizontal communication, teachers and faculty members learned about each another's work commitments at different times of the school year. They learned how they can support one other when faced with challenges to create a harmonious working environment.

This year's team building workshop was led by Patrick Su, former university professor who has an extensive background in Hospitality. In the two days, teachers and faculty members engaged in team building activities. Teachers from different grade levels and faculty members had the opportunity for discussions and practiced effective communication. Essayist Lung Yingtai gave a talk to teachers on how to sense sound, smell, touch through reading.