## ogan Entrepreneurs

Since 2005, student groups in the Hogan Entrepreneurial Program have been given the rare opportunity to go on chaperoned summer trips to China. Their letters and photos speak of once-in-a-lifetime experiences that help them see the world in new ways.

**Dr. John Webster**, Director Hogan Entrepreneurial Program

## The Program

During a six-week business and cultural study mission, the Hogan Entrepreneurs:

- Visit cities throughout China, from major urban centers to small villages
- Teach English to hundreds of Chinese students
- Meet with high-ranking government officials
- Hold mini-internships with companies such as a windmill supply company in Wuhan, and a textile firm in Shanghai
- Meet with street vendors, shop owners, and independent craftsmen

## Letters from CHINA







"We have grown to be more than just teachers and students, but what I can call lifetime friends. A 21-year-old foreigner and some 13 to 16-year-old Chinese students...we found interests in our differences."

**Andy Choor**, Yap 2005 Internship

"I think about our trip every day. I feel like I will alway have an amusing story or adventure to tell regarding China."

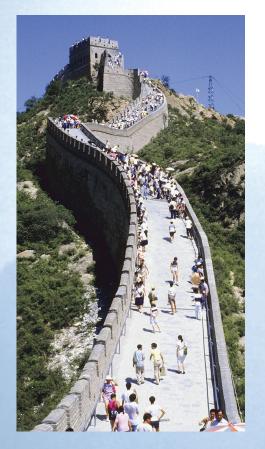
**Carole Kongprachith**, France 2006 Internship

"On this trip, I really felt like I was part of the business world, learning to network and to help others. The connections I made here will last a lifetime."

**Kevin McDonald**, Pennsylvania 2005 Internship







"Being left-handed is just a pain in the USA. In China, the common belief is that left-handed people are more intelligent. I didn't mind the added attention."

**Evan Walker**, Massachusetts 2006 Internship

"After dinner we walked through Jishou down to the river. Everyone has paper boats with candles in them and releases them on the river with a wish. It is a beautiful and surreal sight."

**Kevin McDonald**, Pennsylvania 2005 Internship

"In Feng Huang, I had a weird feeling that was hard to explain, after walking into a school that had a band playing and 600-plus students all sitting in a heavy rainstorm, clapping and cheering for our arrival. We will be teaching these students English... I fear I will not be able to pay back the warm welcome we received."

Andy Choor, Yap 2005 Internship

"We went to visit the South Wall. It was beautiful... like being in history! This is an experience I will always remember and cherish."

Marilyn Nii, Hawai'i 2005 Internship



"The Tibetan music was mesmerizing. When they were singing I would close my eyes so that when I'm home in Hawai'i, I would be able to remember that same feeling."

**Leah Calixto**, Hawai'i 2006 Internship

"We're heading to Beijing and then to Shanghai. I've seen the most amazing things—been treated to the greatest luxuries as well as observed the harshest poverty. Had banquets on gold plates, walked on the south Great Wall, bargained with market vendors and watched children playing on the street."

Maureen Caracciolo, Hawai'i 2006 Internship



## The China Internship



While in China, the Hogan students taught classes, interacted with local business owners to hone their entrepreneurial and interpersonal skills, and forged friendships that bridged cultural divides. This is a snapshot of the impressions and personal encounters that changed their lives.

**Dr. Kate Zhou**, China Trip Leader *Professor, University of Hawai'i* 



