

West Virginia University

Chinese Students and Scholars Association

Dear New Student,

Congratulations!

We, representing all CSSA people in Morgantown, welcome you!

West Virginia is a very scenic place. If you've ever heard John Denver's "Country Roads", the "almost heaven" sung in the song refers to West Virginia. West Virginia University (WVU) is located in a small town, Morgantown, in the northern part of West Virginia state. The quiet country campus of West Virginia University would be a great place for you to study and conduct your research.

Currently, there are about 1,400 international students studying at West Virginia University. Of the 1,400, around 300 are Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) people each year; we celebrate some traditional Chinese festivities, such as Mid-Autumn Festival, Spring Festival (Chinese New Year Festival), together. Also, we hold small gatherings every now and then so as to know each other better.

It is exciting to be able to study in the United States. However, the adjustment to the new environment and the foreign culture, and other practical problems, such as accommodations and grocery shopping, can be overwhelming to newcomers. We have been there, and we know what it is like being a newcomer. Therefore, we would like to help you overcome the difficulties of adjustment. If you need any help, please contact us via telephone or e-mail. For specific information, please visit our Web Page at:

<http://www.wvu.edu/~cssa> or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wvuchinese/>

If you need someone to pick you up, we could meet you at the Morgantown Greyhound Station. There is one bus from Pittsburgh to Morgantown each day, departing Pittsburgh at 7:30am and arriving in at around 10:00am. For a specific bus schedule please visit the Greyhound webpage:

<http://www.greyhound.com/>.

Also, if you fly into the Morgantown local airport or Pittsburgh international airport, we could pick you up from the airport by special arrangement.

It is better to join CSSA group list as soon as possible. More than 400 members share information there, so you could know WVU campus life early. To join in this group list, please visit: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wvuchinese/> or just send an email

to chineseinmorgantown@yahoo.com, we will add you as a new member of our group in 24 hours.

Finally, we wish you a safe trip to WVU, Morgantown.

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