



## Photo Report of JCA Parent Club

# 家庭子女教育座谈会

## Childhood Education and College Preparation

**Speakers: Qunhui Zhang, Ling Ge, and Zuorui Song**  
**Facilitated by: Dr. Bailin Liang**, Parent Representative of JCA Chinese School  
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Childhood education and college preparation are important to every family. Therefore, making sure your child is on the right path and ready for college has always been a big concern for the parents. Ms. Qunhui Zhang, Mr. Ling Ge, and Mr. Zuorui Song kindly offered their perspectives on family childhood education and college preparation from their own experiences at the parent club of the JCA Chinese School on November 1, 2009.



Dr. Zuorui Song shared his perspective on childhood education and college preparation.



Parents listened to Dr. Song's advice.

John Song, Dr. Song's son was admitted to Yale University in 2007. He graduated from Stanton College Preparatory School. Stanton is an academically renowned American high school located in Jacksonville, Florida. From 2000 to 2003, Stanton College Prep was ranked **first** in Newsweek magazine's list of the top 1,000 public schools in the United States, and is the only school in the nation to have been in the top 5 every year from 2000-2009. US News and World Report ranked Stanton at ninth place on its 2008 list of America's Best High Schools. When John was a student at Stanton, he participated in many extra curricula activities. He served as the vice President of class government and the President of National Honor Society. He was also the Editor-in-Chief of Stanton IB Magazine and the Anchor of the Stanton Morning TV News. He is the co-founder of JCA Youth Club and served as the President to organize all kinds of volunteer work for the community. According to Dr. Song, John's extra curricular activities played a very critical role in his acceptance by the colleges he loves.



Mr. Ling Ge was talking about how to direct and guide children based on their personality.



Happy parents were listening to Mr. Ge's suggestions

Yang Ge, Mr. Ge's son is currently a sophomore at Harvard University. When he was a student in Stanton, he joined the public speech training class, which further improved his communication and presentation skills. He has been attending competitions for his science projects since middle school and has won many awards nationally. He is also the co-founder of JCA Youth Club and served as the President in 2006-2008. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and all the other prestigious colleges to which he applied accepted him.



Ms. Qunhui Zhang was talking about her experience in childhood education. Jenny Jiang, Ms. Zhang's daughter, is a junior in the world's first collegiate business school-- Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania. Jenny has always been a very independent girl and has led many activities. In order to encourage her daughter to learn music, Ms. Zhang herself learned how to play the piano. These parents' commitment really helped their children's growth and development.



Parents were discussing with Dr. Song



Hardworking parents during the break.



Young and happy parents from the JCA Parent Club after the discussion



Enthusiastic parents continued the discussion during recess. They learned how to communicate with children at different stages and to respect their children's choices regarding their curricular and extracurricular activities. Ultimately, the key elements of successful parenting are the realization of his/her strengths and seizing of available opportunities along the way.



From left to right: Dr. Lian An (principle of JCA Chinese School), Dr. Zuorui Song (speaker), Mr. Ling Ge (speaker), and Mr. Bailin Liang (parent representative)

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