



Across U-hub

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University Application Workshop

Advice from professors and university faculty members

Choosing a desirable university to attend and determining the most suitable major to study are important decisions for many senior high school students. A research study conducted in the former Toronto Board of Education, presented by Ms. Maria Yau, shows that Chinese Canadian youth are 20% more likely to get into university than their non-Chinese peers. In addition, according to Dr. Ernest Cheng, the Managing Director of Canadian Test Centre (CTC) and the publisher of the Canadian Achievement Test (CAT) series, the immigrant parents of Chinese Canadian youths have a significant influence on their academic decisions and career choices. It is encouraging to know that these parents are actively involved in their children's future. However, one of the major drawbacks for some of these parents is the language barrier. With limited English skills, these parents find it difficult to understand the university application process and admission requirements. In turn, they feel inadequate in guiding their children through one of the major decisions in their lives.

In response to this, Across U-hub's Youth Leadership Development Certificate Course, YLD, is hosting an "Apply University Workshop" on Saturday, September 20th, 2008. It will be held at the Richmond Hill Chinese Community Church, 9670 Bayview Ave., from 3:45pm to 5:00pm.

YLD is excited to team up with a number of professors and university faculty members. They include: Prof. Lucia Lo from York University; Mrs. Claudia Li Tan, an Associate Registrar at Innis College, University of Toronto; Prof. Wilfred Fong from University of Ontario Institute of Technology, and Prof. David Chiu from Guelph University. The workshop also receives full support from Councillor Godwin Chan of Town of Richmond Hill.

The goal of the workshop is to provide parents and students with university entry related information in Cantonese, allowing them to better understand the information, making more informed decisions. The topics will include, but not limited to, how to choose the perfect university, the university application process, admission requirements, how to determine suitable majors, and a few other topics.

The community showed an extremely high interest in this event. Three hours after the launch of the workshop promotions, all seats were filled. In order to benefit more parents and students, the workshop has now moved to Richmond Hill Chinese Community Church (9670 Bayview Ave.)



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According to the Executive Director of Across U-hub, Nicole Wong, Chinese-Canadian parents normally focus on their children's academic achievements rather than their social, emotion and spiritual development. In addition to providing information on the university application process, the workshop will also raise parents' awareness on their children's social-emotional and spiritual preparation. Nicole especially recommends the "Youth Leadership Development Certificate Course" organized by Across U-hub that emphasize creativity capacity, discernment ability, and interpersonal skills.

Prof. Eric Fong, the moderator of the workshop, insisted that a well-balanced holistic education is very important to youths but rarely taken care of. "Youth Leadership Development Certificate Course" is uniquely designed for Chinese youths.

Across U-hub is a charitable community organization dedicated to serve Canadian youths, especially those of Chinese descent. YLD is one of the many programs offered by Across U-hub. It offers a variety of courses on leadership qualities, skills development, outdoor challenges, and multi-media. This comprehensive and holistic leadership program is developed from a series of consultations with a group of experienced educators. There are two levels of certificates in the Youth Leadership Development program. Students enrolled in each level will receive a certificate upon successful completion of a series of courses.

For more information, please visit: www.acrossuhub.com, or call: 905-944-1944.

Across U-hub Overview

Together we help nurture our youth:

- *to become a bridge across cultures by taking roots in Canada while developing a global perspective*
- *to become servant leaders for communities by helping them grow holistically*

Work:

We adopt creative, interactive and multi-disciplinary approaches:

- *to nurture our youths' holistic growth*
- *to cultivate their servant leadership skills*
- *to promote peer support and mentorship to foster their sense of community and to encourage active participation in cultural and civic activities*