



PVSA Gold Medal Recipient: Jolin Cheng



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Jolin is a **rising sophomore** who has been with CCA since 2017. She has been teaching an intensive class in 2022-2023, and volunteered as teaching assistant for a long time before becoming a teacher. During her free time, Jolin enjoys writing poetry, painting, and playing the flute. Jolin likes volunteering activities. She has been a TA at CCA since 2017, organized multiple groups in preparation for the 2022 Mid-Autumn Event and 2023 Spring Festival, and represented CCA at multiple non-profit performances.

2022-2023 volunteer hours: 240; age group [11, 15]



PVSA Gold Medal Recipient: Emma Chen

I am Emma Chen, a **rising sixth grader** from Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy. I have participated in many club activities such as Science Olympiad and Future Problem Solving. I also enjoy playing tennis and the cello. Volunteering is one of my favorite things to do, not because it can help others but also benefits myself. For example, it motivates me to participate in more teamworks, practices public speaking and contributes my skills to community services. I have been messy and clumsy with organizing but volunteering has helped me by being careful with each step we do. Volunteering has also helped me with interacting with different people. I have been spending time creating slideshows and posters with my teammates from CCA for Mid-Autumn, fall picnic and Spring Festival events, and done lots of preparation for hosting an education seminar. I have enjoyed and been benefited from volunteering activities in both ways, mentally and physically, and am looking forward to doing more volunteering with CCA and the other organizations. Thanks to CCA, classmates, parents, teachers and school administrators, I am so grateful to be part of the CCA community.



2022-2023 volunteer hours: 76.5; age group [5, 10]



PVSA Silver Medal Recipient: Ashley Zhang

I am Ashley Zhang, a **rising freshman** at Providence Day School. In my free time, I enjoy art, volleyball, and STEM activities. Some of the clubs that I participate in school include Science Olympiad and Model UN, since I enjoy debate as well. Volunteering is also one of my passions, since I love to think about the impact that I'm creating on the world, be it big or small. For



example, when I volunteered at Samaritan's Feet, I learned how a single pair of shoes that I sorted could change a child's life by giving them an opportunity to walk farther distances without injuring themselves. This touched my heart, since I never realized how fortunate we are to be able to have the basic resources handed to us. Because of this, I think that volunteering also helps me be grateful for what I have now, and further motivates me to want to help others have what they need. Another important life concept that I learned through volunteering is how important leadership is. Every time I volunteer at an event organized by CCA, I always admire how the leaders of the event are able to remain composed while leading so many people to accomplish various tasks. I aspire to use these methods when I organize events in the future. All in all, I believe that volunteering has impacted my life in many great ways, and I hope to both help others while learning new skills myself.

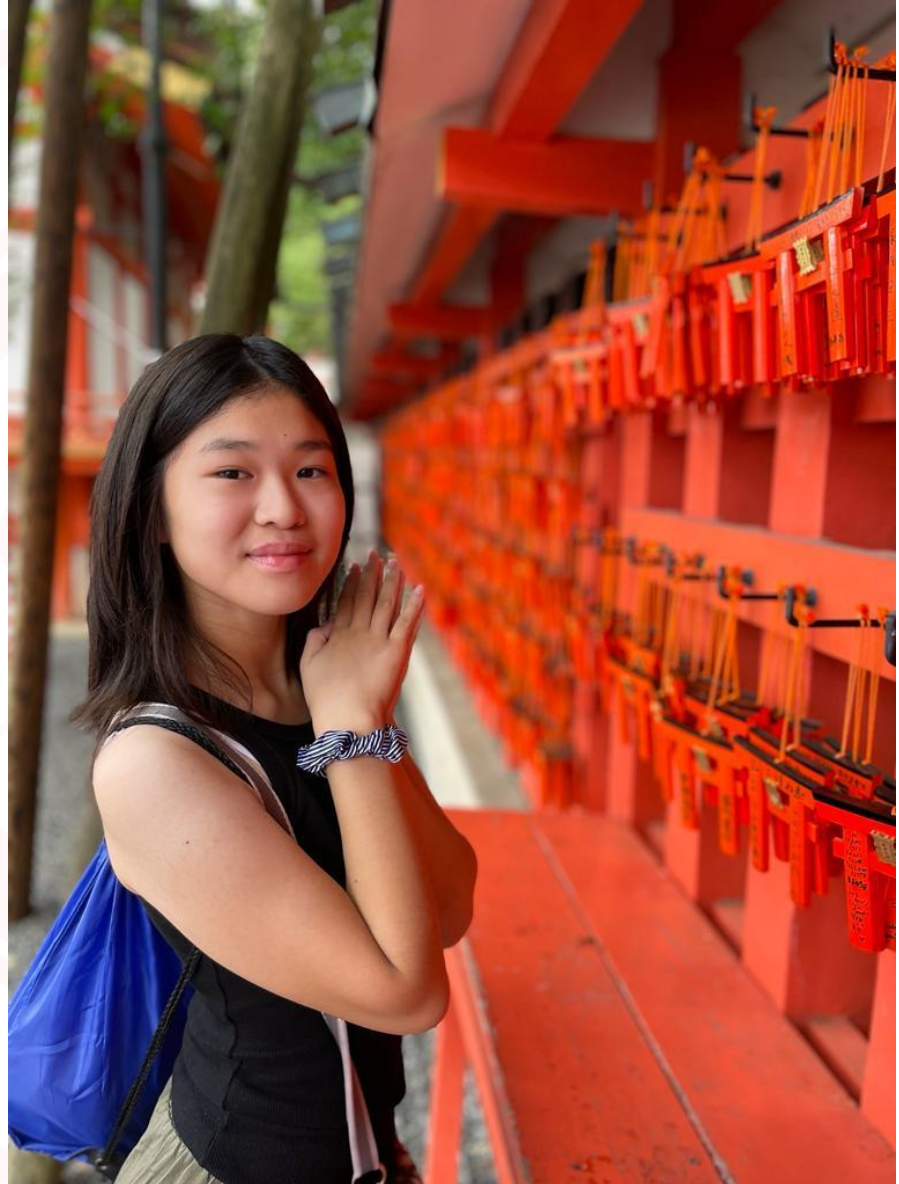
2022-2023 volunteer hours: 86.5; age group [11, 15]



PVSA Bronze Medal Recipient: Chloe K. Fong

Chloe Fong is a **rising freshman** at Ardrey Kell High School. During her free time, she enjoys

listening to music, playing a variety of games, reading, and playing golf. She also has taken an interest in technology related things, ranging from volunteering to maintain websites, to fixing technical difficulties that may occur. Her volunteering services at Charlotte Chinese Academy (CCA) includes maintaining the school's website by updating old links, and making things more convenient for people with the power of technology (e.g. Google forms creation, QR code, & etc). She has also done the same for Carolina Humanity Youth Foundation (CHYF). Updating the website, creating a YouTube channel for CHYF, creating short videos to summarize events, and etc. For CCA's Mid-Autumn festival, she challenged herself using her creativity to make a poster with Jolin, and use her artistic skills to face paint. In conclusion, volunteering has uncovered many new things for Chloe to discover about the world. Being able to help many people by using technology shows how far the world has come.



2022-2023 volunteer hours: 57; age group [11, 15].



PVSA Bronze Medal Recipient: Justin Li

Justin Li is 13 years old. He is an **8th grader** at Marvin Ridge Middle School. Justin Li started Chinese school when he was 6 in 2016! He has been a veteran this whole time. His favorite animal is a blobfish, and his favorite color is white. He likes his mom's cooking; it is pretty good. Justin has a little brother named Jaden. He likes to play games with his friends and family during his free time. He also likes Cross Country and swimming.



Justin likes math, music, and volunteering activities. He passed AMC 8 and got an honor roll, he also earned a place in the Charlotte Symphony Youth Pharaonic after 5 months of playing flute, after a whole year Justin got into Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra. He is a member of the school MATHCOUNTS team of four people. His team got 4th in the county and 7th in the states. Justin also taught flute in band and Chinese with other people. He also volunteered during the mid-autumn festival, Chinese New Year, and helped organize awards at the picnic in Chinese school. He used to play the piano for 7 years and played many concerts. Justin likes having fun, he is energetic, crazy, and happy.

2022-2023 volunteer hours: 52; age group [11, 15]



PVSA Bronze Medal Recipient: Tung Yan Rianna Lee

My name is Rianna Lee 李桐昕. I have recently **graduated** from Ardrey Kell High School and I am really excited to begin my freshman year at UNC Chapel Hill this fall!



I have been a teacher's assistant with CCA for the past four years, through Covid and all. I am very grateful to be able to receive this award. Volunteering with CCA's Chinese class and Art class has been an unforgettable experience for me as I have been able to make so many friends and learn so much about working with teachers and young children through this opportunity.

Outside of CCA, I have also volunteered as a biology teacher's assistant at my school. These combined experiences as being an assistant to a chinese teacher, art teacher, and a biology teacher has allowed me to grow so much as a person. I hope to find similar opportunities in the future.

2022-2023 volunteer hours: 131; age group [16, 25]



PVSA Bronze Medal Recipient: Vicky Teng

I am a **rising ninth grader** going to Marvin Ridge High School. I am a flute player in my school's band. I have contributed to mostly CCA and Marvin Ridge Middle School. I helped CCA with their festivals like the Mid-Autumn Festival and the Spring Festival. I have also volunteered as a band buddy for Marvin Ridge Middle School's band, helping younger grades learn their instrument. These volunteer opportunities gave me experience in different areas like teaching, communication, and sales. I have also volunteered in some of the band's events such as Christmas Caroling. I am very passionate about most of my school's band events. Not only do I attend my band's events, but I also volunteered at Calvary Church's Student Orchestra and played for their services. I was invited to some of their events last year and this year and have attended all of them. I like to help people who ask me to help. I find many events that I volunteer at very enjoyable and fun. I like to do the sales work for the festivals, and I enjoy performing at my local church. I've also learned and experienced a lot while volunteering. For example, I learned marketing skills while pricing and selling things at CCA's festivals. I am very excited to volunteer and serve my community and CCA.



2022-2023 volunteer hours: 58.3; age group [11, 15]