

Centralia Running Start Student to Travel to China for Scholarship Program

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A local student has been selected as one of 700 high school youths from across the nation to participate in a scholarship program from the Confucius Institute of the State of Washington.

Euchari Majors, a Centralia College Running Start student and soon-to-be graduate of Centralia High School, will take part in the 2015 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp.

The two-week camp focuses on Chinese language immersion and has intensive language classes. Opportunities to mix with Chinese students and host families will also be available.

After an orientation in Beijing, Majors will travel China, visiting host schools in various provinces. The program will also take her to the Great Wall and she will participate in a talent show with Chinese students.

Majors has been studying Mandarin for two years, although she was initially interested in learning Japanese.

“Euchari is very diligent and one of the best students I have ever had,” Christine Wynder, a Chinese language instructor, said. “While other students were resting during the summer break last year, Euchari voluntarily came to my office to learn more Chinese.”

The scholarship covers all costs in China, including food and transportation. Majors will be responsible for paying only the international air fare and a visa application fee.

She will be graduating with her associate’s degree this month and plans to attend Willamette University in Salem this fall to major in Asian studies with a minor in Chinese. She is also ranked second on the top ten index for the Centralia High School class of 2015.

