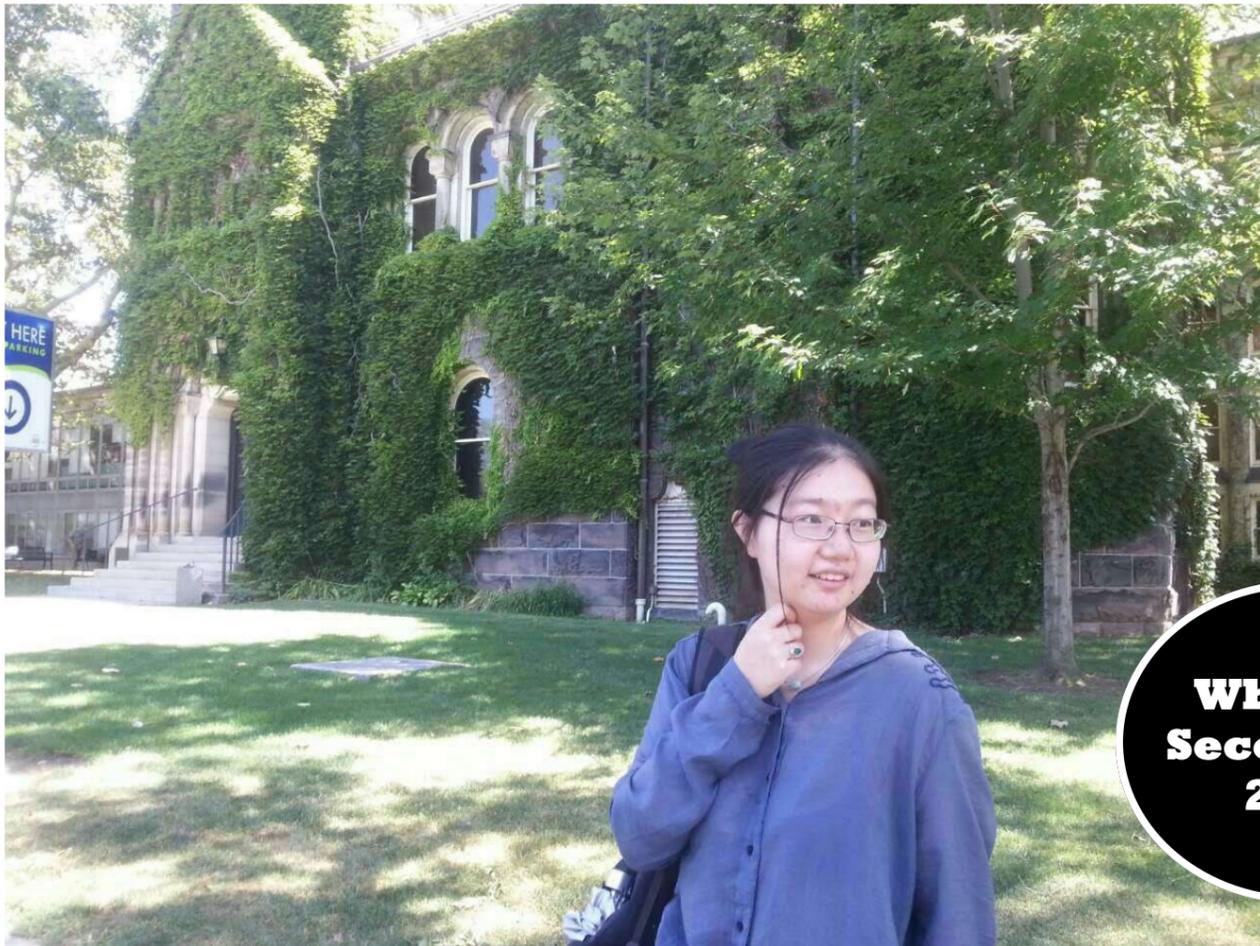


Student Ambassador

萧钰书 Yu Shu Xiao

-深圳 Shen Zhen, China



"I will be going to McGill University for the Life Science program and will probably major in Biochemistry."

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Yu Shu Xiao came to Canada three years ago from Shen Zhen, China. She was certain that she would be completing her university abroad, and could not wait to be in an environment where she would gain knowledge in a way that moved her toward her goals. She believed Sea to Sky would provide her a foreign learning environment and a way to improve her English.

When asked about living in Canada, Yu Shu says she likes the community of Pemberton in which she lives because of its small population and friendly people. She notes that she savours the quietness of her homestay family.

At school, Yu Shu enjoys the "large scale" freedom to choose

courses that interest her. She says of Canadian school, "One is able to work with his or her own motivation to succeed on the course, rather than being pushed by parents, teachers or scores." She says that "Most assignments are aimed to deepen students' understanding of knowledge, which makes them a pleasure to do."

When asked about the activities she enjoys here in Canada, Yu Shu replied that she loves to browse interesting articles on the internet, read non-fiction, watch documentaries, do calligraphy and play games. She does not mince words when talking about herself and says that while she is not one to enjoy group activities, she knows that they enable her to understand who she is, to see herself more clearly, and to be able to plan her

future accordingly.

While Yu Shu extols the virtues of the freedom of the Canadian school system, she also sees that it can have its downside, too, for some do not know how to handle all that freedom. Within that context, Yu Shu has learned how to find her own way and love her learning, no matter what.

As for going home, Yu Shu says it is always good to go and see her friends and family, "despite the lengthy flight." For now, she does not have immediate plans to return home.

We wish Yu Shu every success as she graduates from Whistler Secondary and embarks on her University career at McGill in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.