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### American Teachers Teach in Xinglong Vocational School

Mrs. Cannon's innovative methods of teaching gave trainees a new perspective in learning English language, and her sensitive approach helped students and teachers quickly get into their roles as active learners. As we all know, for various reasons, the students and teachers in Xinglong County have very few opportunities to meet native English speakers. In fact, to many teachers this is the first time they hear Americans speaking English face to face. Although surprised and overwhelmed, the students and teachers were eager to practice and try very hard to minimize the gap. As the Phelex Foundation tries to bring in more volunteer teachers to Xinglong schools, the local teachers' and students' English level will be gradually elevated. [\[more...\]](#)

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Mr.Cannon and his wife Susan



Mr.Cannon and the art class students



Ms.Susan is teaching Chinese students English



Ms.Susan gave speech to the English teachers of Xinglong County



Mr.Susan is communicating with student

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Volunteer Teacher Mrs. Susan Cannon

Mrs. Susan Cannon is an American teacher with over 25 years of classroom experience in elementary, middle, and high school. She earned a Master's degree in Education from Harvard University . She is currently teaching high school history, English and oral English at the Episcopal Academy, a college preparatory independent school near Philadelphia .

When talking about her teaching philosophy, Susan said: "I have a strong commitment to enhancing the critical thinking and moral development of my students in advisory and classes in English, history and debate. I aim to create an atmosphere in which my students feel safe to risk expressing opinions and fully participating; therefore, I strive to make my classroom a place in which people respect the ideas and beliefs of others and actively listen to each other. Knowing that each student has individual learning strengths and weaknesses, I create learning opportunities in which students may improve their current skills and develop higher levels of knowledge. I try hard to help students become more aware of how they learn best, and to help them develop new ways to learn! I want to inspire students to think about important issues, care about solving problems, and taking positive action to change the world for the better!"

Mrs. Susan Cannon used different artifacts including pictures, greeting cards from her American students to teach the students English, and she also sang songs in English with the students. These activities served as ice breakers to create warm and friendly atmosphere for the students and teachers to put their uneasiness and fear aside. At the end of the day, many students came to Mrs. Cannon to talk to her, and thanked her for her unforgettable presentation. Some surrounded her to get an autograph.

To understand the students better, Mr. & Mrs. Cannon visited the students' families in the evening. They are impressed by the dedications that many Xinglong students have put in their own education and the 100% support that the parents have provided to the students.



teaching English teachers



teaching high school students



Mr. Kadir Cannon and art class students





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