

CDR IGDVS Graduation Ceremony

法界聖城培德中學畢業典禮

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On June 9, 2023, Instilling Goodness and Developing Virtue Schools (IGDVS) at the City of Dharma Realm (CDR) held its third Graduation Ceremony with the principal, teachers, parents, students, as well as volunteer staff in attendance. The graduating senior Wenqian Zhang (Vincent Zhang) had attended CDR IGDVS since his Freshman in high school and had demonstrated a wonderful transformation in his four years at CDR IGDVS from a shy, self-centered, introverted individual to one who now carries a friendly smile and who is always at the ready to lend a hand and to do what he can to help others and for the greater good.

Wenqian shared his journey at the graduation ceremony and said, “When I just came to this school, my dorm room was cluttered, and academically, I also had language barriers. Faced with so many challenges,

法界聖城培德中學於2023年6月9日舉行高中部第三屆畢業典禮，校長、老師、家長、同學、以及義工都來參加。畢業生張文謙自九年級起就讀本校。四年來，他的個性從內向害羞、以自我為中心，轉變成如今總是面帶微笑，隨時樂於伸出援手、盡其所能幫助別人、為大家服務。

張文謙在畢業典禮中分享他的心路歷程說：「剛來時我的宿舍雜亂無章，學業上我也面對語言障礙。所以我選擇逃避，整天在床上度日，幻想著以前在家中衣來伸手、飯來張口的生活。後來我發現逃避不能解決問題，於是下定決心改變，雖然並非所有事情瞬間迎刃而解，但是卻一天天改善了……我要說從法界聖城培德中學畢業，是目前為止，最讓

I spent all day in bed, dreaming about the comfortable life that I used to have when I was at home. Later, I found that escaping was not a solution, so I made up my mind to make a change. Although not everything was solved instantly, it improved day by day...I want to say that graduating from City of the Dharma Realm Developing Virtue Secondary School is by far the proudest thing I have achieved.”

His story was touching and inspiring to all including the junior students in attendance. CDR's IGDVS is the second Buddhist school under DRBA founded in 2011 and holds the same aims as its main campus at CTTB to instill and develop students with Confucian core virtues of filial reverence, kindness, civic virtue, trustworthiness, propriety, fairness, integrity, and humility promoted by the founder Venerable Master Hsuan Hua for developing the well-rounded students, emphasizing both academic and character development. Both IGDVS at CTTB and CDR have been accredited by WASC and can recruit foreign students.

Wenqian's father said in the ceremony, “Wenqian has changed from a willful, selfish boy into a sensible, trustworthy, and compassionate person. He has built an outlook on life and a healthy lifestyle. These are the most important qualities that cannot be learned in other schools. With this foundation, we don't need to worry about him in the future...We hope that he can remember the eight virtues he has learned here and become a beam of light to bring brightness and warmth wherever he goes.”

Wenqian will continue his studies at UC Riverside in the fall. Former seniors have been accepted into Stony Brook University, UC Santa Barbara, UC Davis, and the University of Tasmania in Australia. ❀



我感到自豪的事情。」

張文謙的分享讓參加典禮的人都很感動，包括他的學弟妹們。法界聖城育良小學、培德中學是法界佛教總會第二所中小學，創立於2011年，並與在萬佛聖城的校本部抱持著同樣的教育宗旨，以創辦人宣化上人所提倡的儒家八德（孝、仁、忠、信、禮、義、廉、恥）為教育核心，培育全面發展的學生，同時注重學業和品格的培養。也同樣獲得「美西學校與學院教育聯盟」WASC的認證，可招收海外學生。

張文謙的父親致詞表示：「張文謙從任性到明理守信，從自私自利到慈心……他的人生觀已建立，良好的生活作息已養成，這些最重要的品質是在別的學校無法學到的。有此基礎，他以後的人生已無需我們掛念……希望他始終記得八德教育，讓自己做一束光，走到哪裡就給那裡帶去光明和溫暖。」

張文謙今秋即將進入加州大學河濱分校深造，本校歷屆畢業生相繼獲得紐約州大石溪分校、加州大學聖塔芭芭拉分校、加州大學戴維斯分校、澳洲塔斯馬尼亞大學等校錄取。❀