

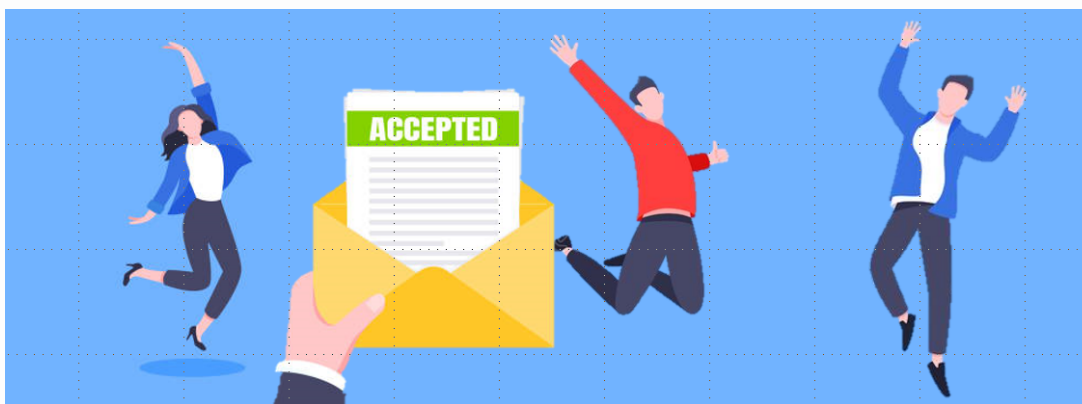


Unleash Potential

## Message from President

**Happy Lunar New Year!** On behalf of the CAN board, I want to wish everyone peace and prosperity in the year of the Rabbit. As always, I have a few exciting updates **on our CANership mentees and mentors. I hope to see many of you at our Fundraiser on March 18 to celebrate CT's Retirement.** There are a few other items... please read on.

## CANERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENT



For the Fall 2022 high school senior program, we doubled the number of mentees to 12 mentees and welcomed 24 mentors to the program. We are proud to share all our mentees have received at least three college acceptance letters as of February. We are even more excited to say two of our mentees got into their dream schools: St. John's and Wellesley.

Our program for high school juniors will start in April.

To expand our program, CANership has designed a series of panels and workshops to supplement the mentorship program. These programs will serve a larger group and expand our partnerships with other Community Based Organizations.

We applied to grants from AAUW and Citizens NYC All in Neighborhood, a total of four responses were submitted. We hope to share good news in the next newsletter.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER

If you have a birthday coming up, please consider creating a birthday fundraiser for CAN International Corp. on Facebook. It is a present for you and us!

If you need help set up the donation, please contact us: [info@canint.org](mailto:info@canint.org)



## ALUMNUS/MENTOR SPOTLIGHT: VIVIAN LI

Vivian Li recently performed in a highly successful four-week run of Suspect F (神探天才影帝的 Suspect F) at the Underground Theatre, Abrons Art Center at the Henry Street Settlement. The limited run ran in December 2022; Sing Tao Daily and World Journal gave the show terrific reviews. Many of our Dewey CANers were in the audience for the last performance, and they also gave the show two thumbs up.

Vivian graduated from New York University with a bachelor's degree in Finance and Market with a minor in Social Entrepreneurship. Her day job might be left brain focused, but she always made sure she cultivated her creative side by experimenting with new activities, the latest is in performance art.

When a good friend introduced her to the Four Seas Players (四海剧社), she took the opportunity to audition and stepped into a different world—she joined the cast of Suspect F (神探天才影帝的 Suspect F).

Vivian learned a few things through this experience: mixing a full-time career and a new passion requires extreme organizational skills; performers had to prioritize the schedule and find times for rehearsals. It took a lot of effort, perseverance, and faith to produce a successful show, but it was all worth it. While this was hard work, there were plenty of rewards, from making new friends and inviting old friends to see her on stage. This production also promoted and highlighted the importance of Cantonese culture in NYC. The tickets were affordable, thus allowing more people in the community to enjoy plays beyond Broadway.

To all the students and students of life, she advised everyone to make sure to take time to enjoy and experiment with new things during college and beyond. Being part of different networks help you to foster one's relationships and unleash your FULL potential.

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### Upcoming Events

Stay in touch, become a member and get updates. Look what we have planned for March.

- **March 18 —Fundrasing Event for celebrating CT's retirement**

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