

## DUKE TIP TAKES LOCAL STUDENT TO CHINA FOR LESSON IN GLOBAL ECONOMICS



DURHAM, N.C. -- For two weeks this summer, the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) will immerse a group of bright 10th - 12th grade students in the culture and political economy of China through its Field Study program, China: A Leader in the Global Economy. Students will be based in Shanghai, Xian and Beijing.

Elaina Reinsvold, Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School, Joplin, MO has been accepted to the 2007 Duke TIP Field Studies Program. "I'm most excited about seeing China and trying to picture it through the eyes of the Chinese," said Reinsvold. "I'm a little nervous about the trip because I only know a few Chinese words."

Admission to a Duke TIP Field Study Program is highly competitive as only a small number of students are invited to participate each year. To apply, students submit an application portfolio, which includes transcripts, standardized test scores, essay, resume, and recommendation from a teacher or counselor.

Journeying through the country, students will examine the historical, political and economic factors associated with the development of China in relation to other emerging countries. Although the focus of the course is highly academic, students will also visit sites of cultural and historical significance such as the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, the Urban Planning Exhibition, Tiananmen Square, the Terra Cotta Warriors' Museum, and the

Jade Buddha Temple. Instructors will bring academic relevancy to these and other sites, using them as a basis to study China's changing global face.

Duke TIP in China is one of six international field study opportunities offered by Duke TIP. These international programs allow academically talented students to study a variety of disciplines, while also having the opportunity to travel, experience other cultures, and interact with young people from around the world.

Duke TIP is a nonprofit, educational organization that identifies and cultivates the talents of academically talented youth. Since 1980 over 1.8 million students have participated in Duke TIP. The program is sustained by student fees and donations from individuals, corporations and foundations. For more about Duke TIP, call 919-668-9100 or visit [www.tip.duke.edu](http://www.tip.duke.edu).