Housing Authority/China Trip

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The Confucius Institute at WKU is partnering with the Housing Authority this summer to send seven high school students to China.

Amy Bingham talks with them about this unique opportunity in this week’s “View from the Hill.”

 “This is gonna be a great opportunity especially for my age. Who can say they’ve been to China at my age? That’s crazy.”

Three weeks ago, the Housing Authority of Bowling Green learned the Confucius Institute would sponsor students going to China this summer for the Summer Bridge Program.

 “Our first thought is who are our best kids, who are the kids that I know will benefit from this and who will come back and share with the community.”

A total of seven students were chosen to go to Beijing for two weeks of classes.

 “These classes are designed to teach not only language but the culture itself, they’ll be taking calligraphy classes, kung fu classes, tai chi classes and the language classes.”

I know it’s a cultural experience dawning back a thousand years, it’s an opportunity a lot of other kids in our society won’t get to do.”

It won’t be all class, lots of exciting sightseeing is on the itinerary.

 “They will tour the Great Wall, the Bird’s Nest, Tianamen Square, Forbidden City and many more places.”

 “I’ve always wanted to see the Forbidden City, all the architecture is so overwhelming.”

An eye-opening trip to be sure, one they’ll never forget.

 “I think it will make me more open to different cultures, it will help me understand people from different countries better.”

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

The China trip is scheduled July 15th – 30th. The C-I is sponsoring four students and fundraising efforts are underway to cover the remaining student’s expenses. A raffle, community yard sale and other events are planned to raise money.

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