

Skills Employers Seek in Global Employees

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On June 18th, 2021, the Columbus Chinese Chamber of Commerce was honored to have a panel of professionals speak at our “Skills Employers Seek in Global Employees” event.

The four panelists with diverse backgrounds gave participants insights and tips into navigating the professional world, including Mike Billman of Chinese Chamber member D-Terra Solutions, Hannah Meyer from the Columbus Council of World Affairs, Jane Palmer from the Chinese Chamber member Global Commerce Program at Denison University, and Galal Walker from the Chinese Chamber member National East Asian Language Resource Center at The Ohio State University.

There was an open question-and-answer segment between the panelists and participants, creating a great opportunity to network and share resources. Participants learned of resources such as Trivium China, a humorous subscription newsletter by a consulting company in Beijing that provides pertinent information about China’s domestic politics and financial information that has an impact on people outside of China. Early participants also got to learn about the Sixth Tone “mini magazine”, which writes about current cultural happenings and popular culture in China.

Questions from participants ranged from how to break stereotypes about Americans in an international professional setting to how to learn to properly network within other cultures. The

panelists were able to offer advice from their own experiences as businesspeople and give participants resources they have used when it comes to learning about how to interact in places that may be foreign to them. Panelists stressed the importance of knowing how to read non-verbal cues, having good communication skills, a solid work ethic, and a willingness to being open to learning as some key things that employers look for in potential employees across the world.