



understand China and its people. Our Tianjin partnership offers significant opportunities for our student learners as well as those from China.

We are also elated to be attending our first graduation ever of our students at our Spanish/Latin America program at the Qingdao University in Qingdao, China. While TUC is a community university focused on meeting the needs of the bustling industrial port life of Tianjin, Qingdao is a research university with national and global aspirations. We have always been well received in Qingdao, in part as a result of the great relations that the Port of Qingdao has with our Port of Miami, and in part because we have deep faculty connections with the city and its leadership.

We are so pleased that FIU graduate and entrepreneur and philanthropist Vivian Dimond is traveling with our small delegation. Mrs. Dimond has been a force in helping to build our Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs. Her keen business acumen and high energy is very welcomed as we deepen our relationships in Qingdao.

So as you can see, after the graduations, more graduations! I will be sharing in future blogs some of the highlights and the personalities that we are blessed to experience during this quick trip to China!