

2017 TROY-STARTALK Orientation Launched on Troy Montgomery

On May 27, 2017 TROY-STARTALK Orientation was launched on Troy Montgomery Campus. The initiative of this program seeks to expand and improve the teaching and learning of strategically important world languages in the US. STARTALK is a government sponsored language program first launched and announced by former President Bush in 2006. The TROY-STARTALK in the summer of 2017 is the only STARTALK program offered in Alabama at Troy University. This is TROY University's seventh year for the awarded program.

The orientation was hosted by Program Director Dr. Rui Feng, CIT Director and Program Co-director Dr. Iris Xu and Mr. Zhi Zha, Vice-director of CIT were also present. CIT Chinese Instructors, student participants and their parents, teacher participants attended the meeting.

In the morning session of the Orientation, Dr. Rui Feng introduced the origin, purpose and significance of STARTALK program to students and parents, as well as the detailed schedule and arrangement of the student program. Dr. Iris Xu stated the requirements and emphasized the importance of discipline in this residential program. In the afternoon session, Dr. Iris Xu and Dr. Rui Feng declared the requirements and detailed arrangements of teacher program to teacher participants.

The 2017 TROY-STARTALK Chinese Language Summer Program is designed as a two-week residential camp, which consists of two parts: Student Program for high school students and Teacher Program for Chinese language teachers. Student participants will be offered opportunities to learn basic Chinese language and culture in immersion; while teachers will be engaged in a professional development program covering Second Language Acquisition theory and practice, language and culture instructional methods and assessments, curriculum design, etc.

