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Confucius Institute to open at Troy University

BEIJING, China – Gov. Bob Riley and Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. today announced the creation of the Confucius Institute at Troy University.

The non-profit center will expand Chinese language and cultural education, provide business and industry ties to China and expand the use of the Governor's Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators and Students Statewide, or ACCESS, program to Alabama high schools. The Confucius Institute at Troy University is the first such established in Alabama and the 23rd in the United States.

“The Confucius Institute is an important step in the continued internationalization of Troy University. It will promote the understanding of Chinese language, history and culture to the students we teach and the communities we serve,” said Dr. Hawkins in a joint announcement between Chinese officials and the State of Alabama.

“On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I thank you for placing your confidence in Troy University. The Confucius Institute at TROY will be a source of pride for both of our great nations for generations to come,” he said.

The Confucius Institute at Troy University will be based on the Troy Campus and operate a satellite office on the University's Montgomery Campus. Additionally, the Office of the Chinese Language Council International (Hanban), the governmental office that administers the Confucius Institute, has similar institutes in 30 other nations. Hebei Normal University of Science and Technology, which already has ties to TROY, will serve as the University's Confucius Institute host.

Students from the Peoples Republic of China currently attending Troy University account for almost half of its almost 670 international students. The University has pioneered international exchange programs, specifically the 1-2-1 Sino-American Dual Degree Program, which allows students enrolled in partner universities in the Peoples Republic of China to begin their studies at a home institution, transfer to the Troy Campus for two years of study, and return to their home institution to complete their coursework. At commencement, the students are awarded degrees from both their home institution and from TROY. Since the program began, the University has partnered with 53 universities in China and currently has 22 institutions with active students in the program.

Troy University already offers courses in Mandarin Chinese, and these courses will be expanded in the Institute's first year of operation. A pilot Chinese I course offered online this year to high school students through ACCESS has 12 students and in January plans are being made offer it via videoconference. Also, the University's graduate program in International Economic Development formally began this fall with five majors, and approval has been granted for the undergraduate program in International Economic Development. Plans call for the Institute to hire a director of Asian studies and a professor of Chinese economic development.

The state of Alabama already is home to some 2,200 companies that export goods and services to the Peoples Republic of China, which ranks as the state's 5th largest export market. About 500 other companies in the state have the potential for partnering with Chinese counterparts in fields ranging from agricultural products to automotive components, education, training and agrochemicals. In 2005, the latest year for which statistics are available, Alabama exports to China reached \$467 million.

The Confucius Institute at Troy University is slated to officially open in 2008. The Institute takes its name from the Chinese thinker, philosopher and educator (551BC–479BC) whose teachings had a profound influence on Chinese life.

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At a Glance

- The purpose of the Confucius Institute is to promote understanding of Chinese language and culture in the communities served by the University.
- The Confucius Institute at Troy University will provide training to teachers of Chinese language courses.
- The Confucius Institute at Troy University will facilitate business opportunities through educational partnerships, including international internships.

• The Confucius Institute at Troy University will provide opportunities for cultural exchange and collaboration between the United States and China through courses, conferences, travel and cultural events.

• The Confucius Institute at Troy University focuses on three primary areas: culture and the arts, language, and ethics and values.



• Through the University's Center for International Business and Economic Development, the Confucius Institute at Troy University will be promoted as a resource for Alabama businesses.

• As of Fall 07, there were 301 students at Troy University (Troy Campus) from the Peoples Republic of China. Of that number, 101 students are members of formal exchange programs. Ninety-one are 1-2-1 students, seven are 2+2 students, and three are Teaching English as a Second language students.

• As of Fall 07, 22 partner institutions in the Peoples Republic of China in the 1-2-1 program have students at TROY. Since the inception of the program, 53 universities in the Peoples Republic of China have partnered with TROY.

• The Confucius Institute at Troy University will serve communities, businesses, schools, government, nonprofits and the media throughout Alabama.

• The Confucius Institute at Troy University will provide Chinese language instruction at the University, and to primary and secondary schools through ACCESS.

• According to CIBED research, China ranks as the state's 5th largest export market. Some 475-500 Alabama companies in Alabama have the potential for partnering with Chinese counterparts.

• The Confucius Institute at Troy University will function as a field office of the headquarters office located at Hebei Normal Institute of Science and Technology.

• The Confucius Institute at Troy University falls under the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, the University's chief academic office and is administratively assigned to the College of Communication and Fine Arts. It's main office will be located on the Troy Campus, with a satellite office located on the Montgomery Campus.

• A minor in Asian Studies is under development within the College of Communications and Fine Arts and the College of Arts and Sciences. In addition, the Sorrell College of Business will offer a core battery of its courses to the minor.



At a Glance

Character: A public, comprehensive university with its main campus in Troy, Alabama. Troy University also operates three other campuses in Alabama and more than 60 teaching sites in 15 U.S. states and 11 countries outside the United States and one U.S. territory. Founded in 1887, TROY offers more than 70 majors.

Enrollment: Worldwide more than 28,000 from 50 U.S. states and more than 50 nations; Top five nations sending students to TROY—China, Nepal, Japan, South Korea, and India. All international students are enrolled on the Troy Campus.

Academic structure:

Organized into five colleges — Arts and Sciences, Business, Communications and Fine Arts, Education and Health and Human Services.

Academic support: Adaptive needs counselors help those students with learning disabilities, the Writing Center assists students who need help polishing their writing skills and the Natural Science Center provides tutoring in mathematics and science skills. A first-year program helps freshmen successfully transition to college life.

Faculty: 75 percent of campus professors hold the terminal degree. Most classes are taught by faculty members and not teaching assistants. For all locations in the United States, TROY has 202 full-time tenured professors, 46 on the tenure track and 203 on the non-tenured track. Augmenting the full-time faculty are four tenure-track part-time professors and 1,038 instructors on the non-tenured, part-time track.

Class size: 19:1 student-teacher ratio

Library: Approximately 400,000 volumes and a wide variety of resources in multiple formats, including multimedia such as CD Rom, video, audiocassettes, etc. In addition, the library offers a wide variety of web-based research tools and links.

Computer resources:

Each student receives a free @troy.edu e-mail account and wireless access is available in many buildings.

Housing: Eleven resi-

dence halls offer apartments, suites and traditional-style

rooms for on-campus living on the Troy Campus and commercially owned apartment complexes are located within walking distance of the campus.

Career services: On-campus job interviews, job fairs, resume services, aptitude testing and advice and counseling on choosing a major and a career path are offered.

Athletics: Troy University fields 8 men's and 9 women's intercollegiate athletic teams. Teams compete in Division I-A, the highest level of NCAA play. Troy University's athletic teams compete in the Sun Belt Conference.

Admission: High school diploma with satisfactory grade point average and ACT/SAT scores.

Budget: For 2006-2007, TROY's total operating budget is \$183,464,186.



Troy University

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Chancellor



Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., a native of Mobile, Ala., was named Chancellor of Troy University Sept. 1, 1989. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Montevallo and his doctorate from the University of Alabama.

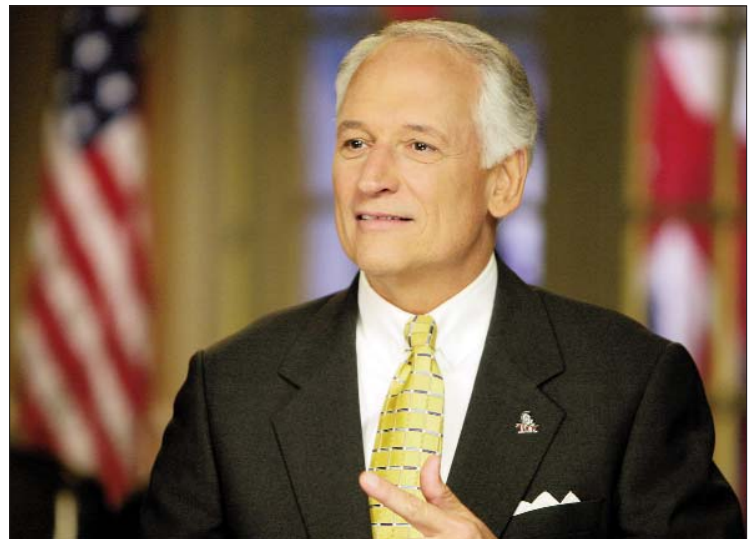
Upon completion of his bachelor's degree in 1967, Hawkins was commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served as a platoon leader during the Vietnam War. During his tour of duty in Vietnam, Hawkins' platoon served with the Republic of Korea Marine Corps. For his combat duty, he received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and a citation from the Korean Marine Corps.

Hawkins' professional background includes his service as an assistant dean at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (1971-1979) and as president of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind in Talladega (1979-1989).

In 1985, he was honored by the University of Montevallo as Distinguished Alumnus of the Year and was the recipient of the 2003 All-American Football Foundation's "Top College President" Award. Two buildings have been named in his honor: the "Jack and Janice Hawkins Chapel" at the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind and the "Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor" on the campus of Troy University. The Alabama Broadcasters Association honored him with the 2007 Citizen of the Year. Also in 2007, the Troy University Board of Trustees voted to name the Jack Hawkins, Jr. College of Education Building in his honor.

Hawkins serves on the board of directors of the Business Council of Alabama, Better Business Bureau of Central Alabama, Troy Bank and Trust Company and Troy Regional Medical Center. He is chairman

of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Disabled, a member of the Air University Board of Visitors at Maxwell Air Force Base and serves on the Executive Council of the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. As Vice Chair of the International Committee of the Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), Hawkins has made presentations on



American higher education on behalf of American delegations of university presidents visiting Cuba and Morocco.

Hawkins was profiled as part of two books published in 2004: *Above and Beyond: Former Marines Conquer the Civilian World* by Rudy Socha and Carolyn Darrow and *The Entrepreneurial College President* by James L. Fisher and James V. Koch.

He served as Chairman of the Council of University Presidents in Alabama (1999-2001) and President of the Southland Football League. He has served as a trustee of Talladega College, the Helen Keller Eye Research Foundation and the American Foundation for the Blind. He is a member of the Troy Rotary Club.

Dr. Hawkins' family includes his wife Janice and two daughters Katie and Kelly. He and his family are members of the First Baptist Church of Troy.

Troy University

History of the Institution



Troy University's tradition of teaching excellence dates to its founding on February 26, 1887, when an act of the Alabama Legislature established State Normal School Troy as an institution to train teachers for Alabama's schools. Joseph Macon Dill was the institution's first president. In 1893, the school was renamed Troy State Normal College.

The Normal College offered extension courses for teachers and granted teaching certificates until 1929 when the State Board of Education changed the charter of the institution and renamed it Troy State Teachers College. That same year, the College moved to its present site and the first two buildings were dedicated: Shackelford Hall, named for Edward Madison Shackelford, president of the school from 1899-1936, and Bibb Graves, Alabama's "education governor." Graves is also remembered for commissioning the Olmsted Brothers architectural firm of Brookline, Massachusetts, to design the campus landscape plan.

Like many American universities, Troy State Teachers College enjoyed one of its most prosperous periods of growth in the years following World War II when returning veterans took advantage of the GI Bill. Under the presidency of Dr. C.B. Smith, the enrollment of the College more than doubled and this growth led to the introduction of degree programs in disciplines other than education, most notably in business. In 1957, the State Board of Education recognized this expanded role and dropped "Teachers" from Troy State College's name.

The decade of the 1950s also marked the University's long relationship with the United States military, as extension courses were offered on nearby bases, first at Fort Rucker, near Dothan and later at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery. A separate Troy State College teaching center was established at Fort Rucker in 1961, which evolved into the modern Dothan Campus. A similar center, begun at Maxwell Air Force Base in 1965, led to the creation of the present-day Montgomery Campus. These programs were the forerunners of the modern University College division of Troy University, which operates all TROY teaching sites outside of Alabama at no cost to Alabama taxpayers.

In 1967, Gov. Lurleen B. Wallace appointed

eight members to the newly established Troy State College Board of Trustees, removing the institution from the control of the State Board of Education. One of the first acts of the new board was to recommend the change of the name to Troy State University. The new name became official on Dec. 14, 1967, following an announcement by President Ralph W. Adams.

In 1975, the Phenix City Campus was opened as a branch campus.

In 1982, the Troy State University System was formed, as the campuses in Dothan and Montgomery were granted independent accreditation status by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

In 2000, the Board of Trustees and Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor, discussed the unification

of the Troy State University System through the process of removing independent academic accreditation of Troy State University Dothan and Troy State University Montgomery. This led to a five-year strategic plan to consolidate the campuses into one university.

The administrative leadership and the Board of Trustees decided that unification of the Troy State University System was necessary to achieve the following goals:

- improve service to students by removing barriers to academic transfer;
- implement shared academic standards, policies and procedures at all Troy University campuses;
- Promote a worldwide brand identity for Troy University.

That process was a team effort with more than 350 faculty and staff members serving on committees and work groups that have handled the detail work of unification. The official unification of the University took place Aug. 1, 2005. This date also marked the official changing of the University's name from Troy State University to Troy University. The Board of Trustees approved this name change in April 2004 to better reflect the worldwide mission of the University.

Today, Troy University serves more than 28,000 students on four campuses in Alabama and on more than 60 campuses and teaching sites in 15 U.S. states, 11 countries and one U.S. territory. More than 100,000 Troy University alumni are located around the world.

