

## Chinese Culture Workshop Kicked off Yesterday at Montgomery Campus, Troy University

On the evening of March 18<sup>th</sup>, it was a bit chilly outside. However, Room 329 in Whitley Hall at Montgomery Campus, Troy University bustled with activities, Chinese Culture lecture, savoring Chinese food, exchanging Chinese learning experience etc. A group of over 20 Chinese language learners, aged and young, from all walks of life, gathered there and attended their first Chinese Culture Lecture given by Dr. Xu, director of CIT. A father took his two young daughters to the lecture too. We were touched by their openness and enthusiasm to Chinese language and culture learning.

Before the lecture began, Ms. Judy Xin Bu gave a brief introduction to the Chinese Culture Workshop and invited all the participants to introduce to each other. Then came the highlight of the evening, all the participants, photographers, were listening attentively to Dr. Xu's splendid lecture while enjoying the delicious, authentic Chinese food which CIT has prepared beforehand.



In her lecture *Chinese Business Culture* Dr. Xu explains the similarities and divergences of both Chinese and American cultures via vivid, lively, and humorous examples, which aroused rounds of applause and bursts of delightful laughter. She first gave the audience a shocking example of eating dog meat and then informed people that it is just cultural difference and there's no superiority of one culture over another. Then Dr. Xu touched upon some other Chinese culture like "guan xi", loud-talking habits in public, face theory, Chinese business etiquette and customs etc.



The lecture was well acclaimed by all. When the lecture was over, participants were actively involved in the Q and A section with Dr. Xu and other CIT Chinese teachers at present. They were very glad that they grasped the great opportunity and attended the kick-off Chinese Business Culture Workshop. In the end, many have signed for the workshop and also exchanged business cards with Dr. Xu and other participants. They also inquired about our Sep. China Trip for Entrepreneurs.

