

**Confucius Institute at Troy University**  
**Shares Chinese Tea Culture with the Local Seniors**

On the afternoon of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, visiting scholars from the Confucius Institute at Troy University held a Chinese tea culture sharing activity at the John Knox Manor Nursing Home in Montgomery, Alabama.

The activity is themed of Chinese tea culture. The visiting scholar, Ms. Yu Ma first introduced the history of Chinese tea, the classification of tea and the function of tea. Later, Ms. Zhijing Qiu performed a tea ceremony for the seniors. After the performance, the visiting scholars served fresh green tea to the elders and they had a free discussion about the differences between Chinese tea and teas from other countries, the green tea and health and other tea topics.

The seniors from John Knox Manor Nursing Home attended the tea culture activity on their wheelchairs. It seems that nothing can stop their steps to learn about Chinese culture. The Confucius Institute at Troy University brought Chinese tea culture to the senior nursing home, which not only promoted Chinese culture in the local community, but also enhanced the friendship and communication with the local citizens and enriched the lives of the seniors. With the effort of the visiting scholars of CITU, Chinese culture has been spread to every corner of Alabama.

## 特洛伊大学孔子学院为社区老人举行文化活动

当地时间 2019 年 4 月 18 日下午，特洛伊大学孔子学院访问学者们在阿拉巴马州府蒙哥马利市 John Knox Manor 老年中心举行中国文化活动。

此次文化活动的主题为中国茶文化。访问学者马宇老师首先介绍了中国茶的历史，茶的分类以及茶的功能。随后，邱智晶老师为参加活动的老人们进行了茶艺表演。表演结束后，访问学者们为老人们奉上了清香扑鼻的绿茶，并与老人们讨论中国茶与其他国家茶的区别，绿茶与健康等话题，活动现场气氛非常热烈。

John Knox Manor 老年中心的老年人，行走不方便，都是推着轮椅来参加活动。孔子学院把文化活动送到老年中心，进一步扩大了在社区的文化推广活动，增进了与当地民众的互动与交流，丰富了老年人的生活，使中国文化的种子撒播到阿拉巴马州的每一个角落。