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Chinese Cultural Corner Activities of Confucius Institute - Chinese Calligraphy



On March 6, 2019, the Confucius Institute at Troy University held a Chinese cultural corner activity on Chinese calligraphy on the Troy campus. Visiting scholar He Jing introduced Chinese calligraphy and Chinese strokes to the audience, and together with other visiting scholars, gave on-site teaching to the audience. The audience learned how to write the Chinese idioms such as “thickness and morality” and “the heavenly reward” and learned to write their own Chinese names. They experienced the charm of Chinese calligraphy and were impressed by the profoundness of Chinese traditional culture. Finally, everyone took a group photo together.



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**Visitors from Ozark, Alabama
visited the Confucius Institute at
Troy University**

On March 8, 2019, visitors from Ozark, Alabama visited the Confucius Institute at Troy University and shared their experiences with visiting scholars at the Troy Campus. He Jing first introduced the cultural exhibition hall of the Confucius Institute of Troy to the them, including: Chinese tea culture, Chinese costumes, Chinese Kung Fu, Chinese dragon and lion dance, Chinese musical instruments and Chinese calligraphy. After the explanation of the exhibition hall, He Jing performed tea ceremony for them and invited them to taste Chinese tea. Cheng Wenjuan also served tea for everyone. Visitors from Ozark, Alabama visited the Confucius Institute at Troy University are particularly interested in Chinese culture, especially tea culture, and have raised many questions accordingly. They have had a pleasant time here and hope to have a chance to visit the Confucius Institute again in the future. After the visit, they took photos together.



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Confucius Institute at Troy University Held a Cultural Corner - Chinese knot

On the afternoon of March 20, the Confucius Institute at Troy University held a cultural lecture on the theme of "Chinese knot" on the Troy campus. Visiting scholar, Cheng Wenjuan, introduced the Chinese knot to the participants, and together with other visiting scholars, showed the weaving process of the Chinese knot. Participants learned to make the Chinese knot bracelets, and they all experienced the charm of Chinese knot art. Finally, everyone took a group photo with their own works.



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Teachers and Students from Birmingham Highland School Visited the Confucius Institute at Troy University



On March 20, teachers and students from the Highland School in Birmingham, Alabama, visited the Confucius Institute at Troy University. Confucius Institute visiting scholars Dr. Zhang Rui, Cheng Wenjuan and He Jing first led the teachers and students to visit the Troy University International Art Center, where students visited the Terracotta Warriors Exhibition and Art Park. Later, the visiting teachers and students came to the Cultural Exhibition Center of the Confucius Institute at Troy University. He Jing explained the exhibits there in detail and introduced Chinese traditions such as calligraphy, Chinese painting, paper-cutting, tea ceremony, traditional costumes and traditional musical instruments to them, then she let them experience Chinese calligraphy. Students carefully wrote Chinese characters and experienced the charm of Chinese calligraphy. After calligraphy, students performed dragon dance.

During the event, the students were full of interest in Chinese culture and eager to have a deeper understanding of Chinese culture.

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Confucius Institute at Troy University successfully held the second Professional Development in 2019



On March 23, 2019, Confucius Institute at Troy University held a monthly professional development for visiting scholars at the Troy campus.

The team leaders of the three campuses reported the language and cultural promotion activities since the New Year in detail, especially various celebrations, which were successfully held during the Chinese Spring Festival. At the same time, the upcoming language and cultural activities were fully discussed and planned. Dr. Iris Hong Xu, director of CIT, affirmed the work of each campus. The new deputy director, Dr. Li Fang, said that under the leadership of Dr. Iris Hong Xu, the work of the CIT will be actively promoted. Dr. Flobert Rui Feng also gave a speech on how the visiting scholars in CIT conducted research.

This professional development team also invited the senior Chinese teacher Qiang Chen from Enloe Confucius Classroom in North Carolina. He gave a wonderful Chinese teaching training to all the visiting scholars in CIT. The main topic was how to become a successful language teacher in the United States. Mr. Chen gave a comprehensive and detailed introduction to the understanding of American culture and his students, how to obtain teaching license, classroom management, and Chinese teaching planning. All the visiting scholars who actively participated in this training said that they have gained a lot.

Confucius Institute at Troy University has always paid great attention to the professional development of visiting scholars in CIT.



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A Martial Arts Group from Argentina Visited the Confucius Institute at Troy University

At 1 pm on March 26, 2019, more than 10 visitors of a martial arts group from Argentina, with a translator, paid a visit to the Confucius Institute at Troy University. They enjoyed different kinds of Chinese tea with the visiting scholars on the Troy Campus. He Jing, a visiting scholar, showed the martial arts group around the Center of Chinese Cultural Experience of Confucius Institute at Troy University. He introduced Chinese tea culture, traditional costumes, Kung Fu, dragon and lion dance, traditional musical instruments and Chinese calligraphy, in detail. Members of the martial arts group are interested in Chinese Kung Fu in particular.

After the visit, all the members of the martial arts group attended the tea ceremony provided by the Confucius Institute at Troy University. They tasted the Chinese green tea and white tea, and got to know China more fundamentally. The visit lasted more than an hour, and the guests were hoping to have more chances to visit the Confucius Institute at Troy University in the future.



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Chinese Cultural Club Held by Confucius Institute at Troy University: Chinese paper-cutting

At 3:30 pm, March 27, 2019, Confucius Institute at Troy University held a Chinese Culture Club on the theme of Chinese paper-cutting at Troy Campus. More than 15 students and teachers from Troy University participated in the event. Visiting scholar Wenjuan Cheng hosted the event. Wenjuan introduced the history Chinese paper cutting, and cultural codes of paper cutting. Then she demonstrated the basic methods of paper-cutting, encouraging the students to use their imagination to cut their own works. Everyone who attended the event learned the three-dimensional spring paper-cutting and paper-cutting for window decorations. The students were impressed by the profoundness of the Chinese traditional folk art. At the end of the event, all of them took a group picture with their own works.



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CIT Held an Orientation on 2019 China Trip for Educators



At 4 pm, on March 28th, Confucius Institute at Troy University held an orientation on China Trip for Educators in Troy campus. The China Trip is scheduled to be in mid-June this year. Austin Deal, the administrative secretary of Confucius Institute at Troy University, introduced the itinerary and arrangement of the trip. Austin also introduced how to apply for a visa, and explained the application forms. At the end of the session, Austin answered the questions proposed by the attendances in detail. This orientation has paved the way for the smooth development of the China Trip for Educators this year.



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