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## Dothan Team Visited Director of Coleman Center Ms. Nancy for Cultural Cooperation



On June. 04, 2019 American local time, visiting scholars from Troy University Dothan Teaching and Research Center visited director of Coleman Center Ms. Nancy and talked about the theme and plan of Chinese cultural activities in the next school year.



Upon the requirement of Ms. Nancy, Dothan team discussed and decided on three themes and presented how to carry out each activity to Ms. Nancy in this meeting. The productive and nice talks were accompanied by tea-tasting. Ms. Na Jiang, Ms. Yandong Wang and Ms. Yan He illustrated the three themes of cultural activities one after another: lovely panda, happy Children' song "Looking for a Friend" and traditional Chinese delicacy dumplings. They also explained the related Chinese culture, etiquette and language we use in daily life and illustrated how to process the activity. Ms. Nancy listened and nodded her head with praise and admiration. She expressed that she liked these themes and contents and gave her full support.

After the talk, Ms. Yan He presented tea ceremony, making five kinds of tea. As they appreciated the wonderful tastes of tea, they also shared their life and interesting incidents, which enhanced the mutual understanding. The meeting ended satisfactorily.



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## Confucius Institute Held Professional Development Training Activities for Teachers

On August 7, 2019, the United States, the Confucius Institute at Troy University ushered in a new school year and held a new semester's professional development teacher training session. Dr. Hawkins, Chancellor of Troy University, Dr. Tatum, Senior Vice Chancellor, and Sohail Agboatwala, Associate Vice Chancellor for International operations attended the meeting.



Two Chancellors spoke highly of the work of the Confucius Institute at Troy University and gave positive recognition. Dr. Hawkins gave a speech on cultural exchanges and the establishment of relations between the two universities and countries, and then, together with Senior Vice Chancellor Dr. Tatum, presented the "Outstanding Leadership Award" to the two teachers who are in charge of Troy Campus and Dothan Campus. The heads of the Confucius Troy Campus, Montgomery Campus and Dothan Campus respectively introduced the cultural activities to be carried out by each campus during the semester and the planning for future activities.

Dr. Flobert Feng, the consultant of the Confucius Institute, gave a lecture to the visiting scholars on how to choose research topics. Then, Dr. Xu, the director of Confucius gave a lecture on cultural shocks at the training meeting and put forward many unique insights that aroused the resonance of the teachers present. Later, the part-time assistant Chou of the Confucius Institute at Troy University presented the Troy-Star summer camp survey conducted this year.

The Confucius Institute at Troy University has always been committed to cultivating the professionalism of visiting scholars in the Confucius Institute. The training forms are diverse and the process is pragmatic, enabling visiting scholars to master new educational concepts and teaching methods, and to help scholars improve their research capabilities, and also enable them to promote Chinese language and culture in their respective positions.



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## Charles Henderson Middle School Confucius Classroom Open House

On August 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 Charles Henderson Middle hosted an open house. The visiting scholars from Troy's Campus participated in the event to represent the Confucius Classroom at CHMS, distributing the Confucius Institute flyers and introducing the Institute and the program to the students and their parents. They also taught students about Chinese calligraphy with an activity called 'I have a Chinese name.' Through this open house, the students of Charles Henderson have a deeper understanding of the Chinese course here and the benefits of the Confucius Classroom.



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## Introductory Chinese Students Visit Confucius Institute

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Dr. Flobert Feng from the Department of Education of Troy University led 20 students from the Introductory Chinese I (CHI 1101) course to visit the Chinese Culture Exhibition Hall of the Confucius Institute. He Jing, a visiting scholar at the Institute, introduced the purpose of the organization and presented the students Chinese tea art, calligraphy, paintings, and more such as Go, traditional costumes, and Chinese musical instruments. At the end, the students gathered together to take a picture with Confucius outside the institute. The students are extremely interested in Chinese art and tradition and wish to learn Chinese well in order to attain a deeper understanding of Chinese culture.



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