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CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE AT THE SOUTH GAME TAILGATE

On October 16th, Troy University ushered in a football match against the University of South Alabama, who is a rival school. The Confucius Institute took the opportunity to host a tent at the tailgate event sharing Chinese culture. All Visiting Scholars and family members participated in the event.

The event mainly distributed the leaflet for the Chinese courses, handed out fans with the Troy University logo, introduced Chinese culture through music and dance, wrote Chinese names, drew Chinese paintings, and provided traditional Chinese cuisine - fried dumplings and spring rolls.

One of the most striking events was the dragon and lion dance performances which drew much attention from the game day patrons.

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CIT HOSTS SEVENTH CHINESE TEA TALK ON PEKING OPERA

On October 17th, the Confucius Institute at Troy University held a cultural lecture on the topic of Chinese Peking Opera. Visiting Scholar Dr. Rui Zhang first introduced the Chinese Peking Opera to the audience, including the characters, the meaning of the makeup colors, and its differences with the Sichuan Opera. Then Dr. Zhang led everyone in the construction of a paper mask. Everyone in attendance made their own mask and the left the event happy.



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THE SECOND 2020 CHINA TRIP ORIENTATION

At 5 pm on October 21st, the Confucius Institute at Troy University hosted the second orientation for the 2020 spring break China trip. The lecture attracted nearly 10 students. Austin Deal, the Administrative Support Assistant of the Confucius Institute, first played a video of the 2019 students in China. Then he introduced the application process of the Chinese visa. Later, Austin answered the questions students raised.



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CIT CHINESE PAPER-CUTTING FOR COMMUNICATIONS STUDENTS

On October 22nd, the Confucius Institute held a Chinese paper-cutting event for students of the Communication College.

This event was specially designed for the Intercultural Communication Class. Wenjuan Cheng first showed students a Chinese paper-cutting video and gave a brief introduction to Chinese paper-cutting.

Later, Mrs. Cheng taught students how to cut out the “Double Happiness” and the Chinese Dragon. The event was a complete success.

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CIT HOSTS THE 8TH CHINESE TEA TALK ON TAI CHI

On October 24th, the Confucius Institute at Troy University held a cultural lecture with a Tai Chi theme. Visiting Scholar He Jing first introduced Tai Chi to the students including philosophical thinking in Tai Chi, the benefits of Tai Chi, and the essentials of practicing Tai Chi. After the lecture, He Jing and other Visiting Scholars taught the students how to practice Tai Chi outdoors, which increased the students' interest. This lecture not only taught the students to exercise strength and health, but also made them feel the profoundness and depth in Chinese culture.



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CIT FINISHES UP ENTERPRISE MULTI-CULTURAL CELEBRATION

On Oct. 24th, CIT was invited to take part in Multi-Cultural celebration at Enterprise High School. More than 800 students and parents were involved in the event.

CIT kicked off the party with Xinjiang Dance. It impressed the audience with its exotic characteristics. Next, was the Twin Lion dance, which also impressed the crowd and was met with applause.

After the performance, people from various countries came to the CIT booth. They tasted Chinese food. Kids learned how to do paper cutting with the help of CIT Visiting Scholars, and some kids had their names written in Chinese characters. Some children wanted to have group pictures with the panda or tried martial arts with the guidance of martial arts teacher. The Confucius Institute booth was full until the end of the night.

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MORE STUDENTS FROM THE COMMUNICATION COLLEGE VISIT CHINESE EXHIBITION



On October 24th, students from the Intercultural Communication Class came to the Confucius Institute to experience Chinese culture. Ms. He Jing first introduced the Chinese tea culture to the students, including the type of Chinese tea, the benefits of Chinese tea, and its role in society. Then, Ms. He Jing performed a tea performance and let the students tasted white tea. Afterwards, she took the students to the Confucius Institute Exhibition Center to introduce the Chinese traditional culture to the students, including the dragon and lion dances, traditional costumes, Peking Opera masks, Chinese painting and calligraphy, and more. Finally, she took the students outdoors to attempt the dragon dance. The event was a complete success.



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CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE HOLDS TEACHING SEMINAR

On October 27th, Visiting Scholars and staff from three campuses of the Confucius Institute at Troy University gathered on the Troy Campus to hold a monthly teaching and training seminar. A total of seventeen people attended.

The leaders on the three campuses reported on the work that they had done since August and their plans for the rest of this semester.

Then, Dr. Iris Xu arranged the work for the upcoming months. She taught the attendees how to effectively organize a cultural promotion event, using the upcoming oil painting exhibition as an example.

After, Austin Deal, the Confucius Institute's Administrative Support Specialist, explained to the attendees travel approval and the necessary processes.

Then, Dr. Xu gave a lecture on "Cultural Shock." Afterward, Dr. Feng, an Academic Consultant of the Confucius Institute, gave an academic lecture.

He used mathematical approaches to explore and analyze the nature of language learning in English, and provided new ideas for language research. In addition, other Visiting Scholars also shared their current research.