

TROY-STAR 2020 Chinese Language Teacher Online Summer Training Program

Day 3 of Classes: What are the Challenges of Chinese teaching in American primary Schools?

On June 29th, 2020, Ms. Athena Chang, a Chinese teacher from Indian Springs School in Birmingham, Alabama, gave a professional lecture entitled *What are the Challenges of Chinese teaching in American primary Schools?* Ms. Athena Chang has worked closely with the Confucius Institute at Troy University for many years to make efforts for the development of Chinese language education and Chinese culture sharing in Alabama.

First, Ms. Chang explained the topic of the lecture from the perspective of American primary school teaching philosophy with a background of cultural differences between China and US. Then, she shared with the trainees her teaching experience over the years through pictures and videos. During the whole six hours in the morning and afternoon, the trainees were always full of interest. While listening to the lectures, they kept asking questions and collaborating with Ms. Chang.

In addition to intense study, during the lunch break, the trainees also appreciated the highlights of TROY-STAR Summer Camp at Troy University's campus last summer. After watching, the trainees all expressed their special expectation for this project after the pandemic.

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2020年6月29日，来自阿拉巴马州伯明翰市印第安泉学校的中文教师张嘉琪老师给学员们做了题目为《汉语教学在美国小学面临哪些挑战？》的专题讲座。张嘉琪老师多年来与特洛伊大学孔院亲密合作，为阿拉巴马州汉语教育的发展和中文文化的推广等方面做出努力。张老师首先从中美文化差异背景下的美国小学教学理念角度阐述了讲座主题，然后通过图片和视频等方式跟学员们分享了她数年教学工作中的经验和心得。上下午整整六个小时的时间里，教师学员们始终兴趣盎然，一边听讲座，一边不断提问、跟张老师交流，收获满满。在紧张的学习之余，大家还利用中午午休时间观看了去年夏天该项目在线下的精彩片段回顾，观看后纷纷表示特别期待疫情后线下的“中文之星”夏令营。