

# Students from CIT Took Part in 2014 Southern United States “Chinese Bridge” Competition

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Dr. Peng Zongping from CI at Troy University led two students to take part in 2014 “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition for College and Secondary School Students at Confucius Institute at UT Dallas. Altogether 15 university students, 10 middle school students from 16 Confucius Institutes took part in the contest.



All the participants performed exceptionally well at the competition. After a whole morning’s fierce competition, the organizing committee awarded 1 first prize, 2 second prizes and 3 third prizes. The contestants sent by CI at Troy University won Honorable Mention Prize and third prize. The university student got the Honorable Mention Prize and the middle school student selected from our CIT got a third prize. As is with the general terms of “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition, all the contestants who got second prize and third prize in the group of secondary school students will be awarded an opportunity to take part in a new round of competition in China or watch the live competition in China.



The two contestants, Sydney TaFoya from UAB, and 16-year-old secondary school student Afsaneh Faki, gave a best play at the competition. Before the contest, both of them squeezed some time to study Chinese Cultural Skills and Knowledge of China for the competition. Prof. Zongping Peng gave individual coaching via Skype.



The whole competition was organized by Confucius Institute at the University of Texas at Dallas, with the auspices of People's Republic of China Education Section of the Consulate General in Houston. The leaders of China Education Section of the Consulate General in Houston were invited to serve as judges of the competition. Numerous Chinese Language teachers and parents of the participants attended the event.