

## **On Dec. 15 2017 Confucius Institute at Troy University on Montgomery Campus Held the Appreciation Party**

On December 15, 2017, CIT on Montgomery Campus held the appreciation party for Chinese courses learners and their family members.

In 2017, the Chinese Language Courses have covered a wide range of topics, including basic Chinese 1-4 levels, junior business Chinese, Tai Chi and weekend school classes for children. The learners were from 5 to 70 years old who came from Montgomery, Thailand, HongKong etc. with great enthusiasm in learning Chinese. In addition, this party also attracted Chinese culture fans of different ages and different organizations, including the E. L. Lowder Library, the Coliseum Library and the Church.

Chinese learners and their family members had a great opportunity to exchange ideas together. They presented a choreographed Chinese talent show to display their Chinese language ability and their love of both Chinese culture and their Chinese instructors. Events in the program included Chinese songs such as “The Moon Represents My Heart”, Emily and Lily's dance "Little Apple", poetry reading, Chinese tea art , Tai Chi and so on. Besides, they also experienced the Chinese paper-cutting, braiding, skipping and kicking shuttlecock, brush calligraphy practicing,

Beijing Opera masks painting and tasting traditional dumplings and dishes .

It was a wonderful experience both for the instructors and the audience to see how much these American students appreciated Chinese culture and wanted to integrate their Chinese knowledge into their own cultural experiences. In this party, they fully demonstrated the potential and enthusiasm for learning Chinese, and said that they will continue to learn Chinese because Chinese has become an indispensable part of their life.

