

CIT Held Chinese New Year Celebration

On the evening of February 4th, 2018, the Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) held Chinese New Year Celebration in the Ballroom on Troy Campus at Troy University. It was filled with warm Chinese New Year atmosphere. Honorable guests at the ceremony included Dr. Hawkins, Chancellor of Troy University; Dr. Ingram, Vice Senior Chancellor of Troy University; Dr. Porter, Vice Chancellor of Troy University; some renowned professors and scholars of the university, and principals from various Confucius Classrooms and teaching sites. TEFP-CNU fellows from Chongqing Normal University (CNU) were also invited to attend the celebration.

The celebration kicked off with traditional Chinese Dragon and Lion Dances. Dr. Ingram, Vice Senior Chancellor of Troy University introduced Dr. Hawkins to the guests and invited Dr. Hawkins to deliver remarks. Dr. Hawkins, Chancellor of Troy University, congratulated CIT on winning the award of "Confucius Institute of the Year 2017" and thanked Dr. Iris Hong Xu and all CIT staff for their great contributions to Troy University in the past year. Then he wished Troy University and CNU would have better cooperation in the coming new year. At last, all the guests watched a video of Chinese New Year greetings and prospects from Dr. Zhou Zeyang, President of CNU. Dr. Zhou thanked Troy University for its great support to TEFP-CNU Program and he especially praised CIT under the leadership of Dr. Iris Hong Xu. He said CIT had made great efforts to promote the deep cooperation between the two universities.

In the ceremony, CIT staff and some visiting scholars from China jointly presented grand performances with Chinese charm to the guests. The lion dance, dragon dance, Guzheng, tea ceremony, calligraphy, piano, Hulusi flute and folk dance won big applause from the audience. CIT also prepared a banquet for the guests. In addition to the carefully prepared Chinese and Western dishes, CIT especially ordered Chinese dumplings that are representative of the Chinese New Year banquet. All the guests deeply loved this mixture of Chinese and Western cuisine.



