

## Montgomery Focus – the Workshop of Chinese New Year

On Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the first workshop of the Chinese Culture Club at the Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) Montgomery campus in this year was held with the title of *Chinese New Year*.

Ms. Wei Yu introduced the Chinese New Year based on the Chinese Lunar Calendar by presenting a great number of pictures and video clips, from its origins and legends to the ways of decorations and celebrations, as well as the special food for the special festival. From this presentation, the audience learned more about the Chinese New Year with the long history of the tradition, such as Chunlian (Red Couplets with good wishes on it), the character of 福 (fú, meaning “happiness”), Jiaozi (Chinese dumplings), Yasuiqian (Red Pocket Money) and some others.

At the end of the workshop, the participants made their first paper-cutting of the Chinese character . This is a sign of bringing good luck to all people according to Chinese tradition. Moreover, as part of the Chinese culture, the Chinese tea was served during the workshop and everyone here enjoyed it very much.

