

Confucius Institute at Troy University Attended 2018 “Chinese Bridge” Chinese Proficiency Competition Southern US Preliminary

On April 22, 2018, Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) sent two contestants to University of Texas at Dallas to take part in the Southern US Preliminary Competition of “The 17th ‘Chinese Bridge’ Chinese Proficiency Competition for College Students” and “The 11th ‘Chinese Bridge’ Chinese Proficiency Competition for Secondary School Students”. Both of the contestants won the third prize.

The Competition Theme for the College Group is *One World, One Family*. Austin Wayne Deal, from Troy University, Alabama, one of the contestants elected by CIT presented his speech with the subject of *I have a destiny with China*. He described how he started the connection between his life and China by telling the stories over the last six years. The Competition Theme for the Secondary School Group is *Learn Chinese, Double Your World*. Junseo Park, from one of the CIT Confucius Classrooms, is the representative of CIT for the Secondary School group to give his speech with the title of *Charm of Chinese Characters*. He introduced his experience about how to be attracted by Chinese characters. Their two-minute speeches are informative and impressive. They are natural on the stage, fluent in the language, accurate in pronunciation and sound.

At the same time, the two contestant's Chinese talent show also has a unique Chinese style. Austin performed his own Chinese drum-*General Order*; the Bamboo, Chinese ink painting finished by Junseo on the stage in the three-minute is elegant to be displayed to the audience. Their hard work and great achievements have won the respect and praise from the audience.

Taking part in the Chinese Bridge competition has been one of the main tasks for CIT to accomplish promoting Chinese language and Chinese culture here in Alabama, also is the effective way to encourage students to learn Chinese language and to know more about Chinese culture. CIT is still paying its great efforts to keep on moving to offer its support to students in learning Chinese language and Chinese culture.



