

## A Single Spark Can Start a Prairie Fire

### —CIT celebrates Traditional Chinese Spring Festival with Confucius Site at Cullman Saint Bernard Prep School

On Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) went to Cullman to join in the Chinese Spring Festival celebration with the Confucius Site at Saint Bernard Prep School, Cullman, AL. There were almost 200 people enjoyed the event.

In this event, the school invited professional actors to perform Taichi and Chinese Zither, CIT staff introduced related information of *Chinese Bridge*, *STARTALK* program and *China Trip* program and led students to experience Chinese calligraphy on the spot. Chinese exchange students and international students who take Chinese language courses as an elective course, also presented different kinds of songs and dances, and learned about how to use chopsticks, there were applauses and laughter breaking out from time to time during the lucky draw and other interesting links. Those prize with Chinese traditional elements sponsored by CIT were well received by the lucky students.

Cullman Saint Bernard Prep School has officially signed agreement with CIT in 2014, it is one of the youngest Confucius classroom of CIT. The establishment and operation of this Confucius classroom were strongly supported by School chairman Mr. Fr. Joel Martin and Principal Mr. Daniel Baillargeon.

