

CIT Staff Promote Chinese Language and Culture at the 71th National Peanut Festival in Dothan



On November 1st and 2nd, 2014, the staff and students of Confucius Institute at Troy University attended the 71th National Peanut Festival held Dothan to promote Chinese culture. During the festival, they introduced Chinese language and Chinese culture to the present citizens and Chinese courses in Dothan Campus. They also distributed Chinese foods dumplings and spring rolls, and the onlookers were full of praises. Many friends who are interested in Chinese culture stopped in front of CIT booth for a long time, experiencing how to write Chinese calligraphy, how to cut Chinese paper-cutting, and how to use chopsticks, CIT booth became the highlight of Dothan Peanut Festival for a time.

Dothan Peanut Festival is a grand annual national festival lasting about ten days in Alabama or even the entire southern part of United States, and it attracts about 100,000 tourists every year. So it's one of the best time to know about local life and to display Chinese culture to the local people.



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The 3rd Alabama Chinese Language Teachers Association Forum Successfully Held

Hosted by the Alabama Chinese Language Teachers Association, in collaboration with Troy University Confucius Institute and University of Alabama at Birmingham, ACLTA Forum was successfully held in UAB on Nov. 8 2014. Over 20 Chinese language teachers from Alabama State were present for the forum.

The forum's theme was "Chinese: New Century Skills". Dr. Rui Feng presided over the forum.

Qiang Chen, from Enloe Magnet High School of North Carolina was invited to give the keynote speech, "The Plan and Teaching of Student Centered Thematic Unit". He demonstrated his Chinese language syllabus, teaching plan and design, teaching implementation and rewarding study grades of students and shared with the participants his vivid cases of classroom teaching and rich means of teaching.

Apart from keynote speaker, Dr. Yahui Huang, Dr. Xiang Zhang and Ms. Ling Ma gave wonderful topic-related lectures, acquainting the participants with the position, current situation and future development of Chinese language teaching in Alabama.

New members were recruited to add new force to ACLTA at the Forum.



Debating at Open House Day to Promote Chinese Language and Culture

—CIT attended the Open House Day on Montgomery Campus of Troy University

On November 18th, The Confucius Institute at Troy University set up a booth at the Open House Day on Montgomery Campus of Troy University, introducing the Chinese language courses offered by CIT to the present teachers and students. Many students surrounded before the booth to know about Chinese custom, to fill in questionnaires or to get desirable souvenirs. The booth attracted the eyeballs of the audience with good effects.

What's different from the previous Open House Day is that, Dr. Tatum, the Vice Chancellor of Montgomery Campus, gave a special introduction of our CIT booth to the present audiences. Which provided a guarantee for the efficient publicity. CIT resolved to take the good opportunities such as Open House Day to promote Chinese culture in the future so as to get a sustainable publicity effect.



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