

# Chinese New Year comes to campus

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Chinese New Year is upon us and the Clackamas Community College Multicultural Center is hosting the inaugural Chinese New Years event on campus on Feb. 15. from noon to 1 p.m.

Xiao Tan of the Multicultural Center and Student Activities, is the lone person working on the first-time event. Her goal? To educate students about Chinese culture, including food often eaten on Chinese New Year, music and culture.

"I [want] to try to bring more culture events and cultural activities to the school," Tan said. "I wanted to bring my culture to the school so more people can learn about it, and I feel very honored to do the first Chinese New Year [celebration]."

Teaming up with Trio Hospitality, the company that partners with CCC to serve food in the café, Tan requested they cater food that would closely resemble Chinese traditional cuisine.

Not every culture is well represented on campus, which is what Tan hopes to change.

"I wanted to represent my culture because I feel that my culture is underrepresented," Tan said, "That's why I wanted to bring it to the school.

The reason I wanted to do [the event] is because Chinese New Year is one of the biggest events in China."

A typical celebration has family gather together with long, red, ribbed firecrackers, as a grand opening, followed by a Lion Dance. It's an interactive dance and the music is loud with drums and other instruments. There also exists traditional Chinese dances.

Family and friends gather to enjoy traditional Chinese cuisine.

When it starts is entirely dependent on the Chinese Lunar Calendar, according to Tan.

The event will include papercraft activities used for decoration and Chinese food is served.

*The Clackamas Print reached out to Trio Hospitality for more information on the partnership for this event but did not receive a reply.*

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Xiao Tan

# High school students direct one-act plays

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Clackamas Community College hosted the Mount Hood Theater Conference for the student directed One-Act Play on Feb. 9. With six high schools from a local conference.

Every year, the conference holds the student-directed one-act plays where students get a chance to perform in front of other students.

"They were looking for a place a few years ago," said Jim Eikrem, theater instructor. "I had a contact with David Douglas high school [they] thought about having it here and we said, 'That'd be great!'"

This year, they were held at CCC, as they have been for the

past four years. About 150 students having attended, Eikrem said.

The experience has been amazing for everyone, Eikrem said. "We get to see what they do, and they get to see our facility, it encourages them to go to school here," he said.

For every school, there will be one one-act play, making a total of six plays. One of which consisted of a murder tale, from the point of view of three dead girls who were led on by a strange man, lied to and then murdered in the garage. The play was by students from Reynolds High School.

Reynolds, David Douglas, Centennial, Gresham, Clackamas and Barlow High Schools also participated

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High school students participate in their self-directed one-act plays on Feb. 9.