The Confucius Institute celebrated the Chinese New Year on January 24 in the University Center Ballroom. About 400 guests came to the celebration despite the bad weather. A group of Chinese performers from Binghamton University Confucius Institute of Chinese Opera and New York City presented a high quality concert to the New Orleans community. The program included Sichuan opera face changing, Beijing opera excerpts, Chinese acrobatics plate spinning and barrel contortion, and mezzo-soprano. Before the performance began, Dr. Yu Jiang delivered New Year greetings to the guests and introduced the performance team. The audience was amazed by the first class performances, among which the Chinese acrobatics received the most applause.

Many audiences stayed after the concert was over and lined up to take pictures with the performers. Once again, Xavier University of Louisiana Confucius Institute hosted a successful event and sowed Chinese cultural seeds in the greater New Orleans community.