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2019 CST Chinese New Year Party, a Tuscaloosa Community Celebration

CST 2019 Chinese New Year Party is scheduled on Saturday, February 16, from 2:00–5:00 p.m., at UA’s Ferguson Center ballroom. The theme this year is to create a happy gathering for family and friends of CST, its partners & sponsors, and the larger community. Given limited space, RSVP is by invitation. An after event news coverage by Tuscaloosa News is planned.

The event flow of 2019 is a little different from the previous years. Rather than a dinner/performance format, the 2019 CST Chinese New Year party offers a combination of performances and family friendly activities, with refreshments provided. The performances reflect many aspects of the Chinese culture. Highlights of this year’s performance section are traditional dances and costume shows, including boys dragon dance with girls performing drums/gongs, girls red lantern dance, and K-1 children traditional costume show, Chinese traditional and minority dances, and Qipao fashion show. Kung Fu performance, traditional Chinese music and songs are also included. Luming choir will perform the classic song Auld Lang Syne in English and Chinese. After the performance, hands-on and interactive activities are planned, such as dumpling making, chopstick contest, costume photo booth, and calligraphy/crafts corners. These interactive activities allow participants without Chinese heritage to experience Chinese tradition in a fun and relaxing manner.

Key sponsor of the 2019 Chinese New Year event is the UA Office of the Vice President for Community Affairs. Business and nonprofit sponsorship include Buffalo Rock Co., iSure LLC/Allstate, Freedom Chess Academy, Personalization Items LLC, Tiger Rock Martial Arts, and Tuscaloosa County Parks and Recreation Authority. In addition to CST and UA Community Affairs office, community partners contributing to the program planning include Rock Quarry Elementary children ambassador team to help with greeting/ushering, Tuscaloosa County Parks and Recreation Authority line dance class to lead a flash mob dance, Birmingham Red Apple

Dance group to perform Qipao fashion show. UA student organizations involved include Asian American Student Association to offer volunteer help and Association of Chinese Students and Scholars to help with space reservation. In summary, the 2019 CST Chinese New year party has evolved into a true community celebration and collaboration, fulfilling the purpose of enriching community life in Tuscaloosa.