

Students ring in the Lunar New Year

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The Global Café celebrated the Lunar New Year on Tuesday, Feb. 1, on the mezzanine level of the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life. The event featured traditional activities including calligraphy, paper cutting and a lion dance performance. The Global Café is a space for international and internationally minded Tulanians to build connections and global understanding through engagement. Global Café is a weekly collaboration of Office of International Students and Scholars, Newcomb Tulane College's Office of Study Abroad and Center for Global Education, Freeman Abroad, Tulane Law School and the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life.

(Photos by Paula Burch-Celentano)















The Rising Dragon Lion Dance Team (LDT) weaves through the crowd during Global Café's celebration. The first day of the Lunar New Year begins on the new moon that appears between Jan. 21 and Feb. 20 each year.

Kexin Le (center), sophomore from China, assists Emmanuel Ojah (right), a graduate student from Nigeria, as Ojah tries for the first time, the art of Chinese calligraphy. Using a calligraphy brush, a student draws a tiger head. Based on the Chinese zodiac calendar, 2022 is the Year of the Tiger.

The Rising Dragon LDT performs acrobatic moves. From Marrero, the multiethnic troupe formed in 1994. Members of the group range in age from 14 to 25-years-old.

Paper cutting designs are cut from a single sheet of paper. The art first appeared in China soon after the invention of paper in 105 A.D.

Students practice Chinese calligraphy.

A headdress celebrates the Year of the Tiger.