



The *FLAGS* Pole

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CLTA Conference 2012 coming soon!

By Nicole Naditz

It's already time to start planning for CLTA's annual conference. This year, the conference will be held near Los Angeles International Airport. From March 15-18 of 2012, you can immerse yourself in workshops and sessions on a variety of topics of interest to language educators, all while networking with your friends and colleagues from around the state. This year, there are almost 30 pre-conference workshops on a variety of topics, including some that are language-specific (Japanese, Spanish, Chinese and French). Early registration deadline is Dec. 31, so act quickly. Go to <http://www.clta.net> for pre-conference workshop descriptions, hotel information, and to register.

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Honor Your Favorite World Language Teacher

by Inga Templeton

Don't forget to nominate that one special teacher or foreign language supporter.

We all have this one incredible colleague, who does it all and inspires us to work harder to become a better foreign language teacher. Why not reward this amazing foreign language teacher by nominating him or her for *Flags Outstanding Teacher Award*. Maybe, the person you are thinking of is not a foreign language teacher. No problem, you can nominate him or her for *FLAGS Friend of the Profession Award*.

Nominating a foreign language teacher for the

Outstanding Teacher Award is easy. Just write a cover letter and follow the scoring rubric on FLAGS website (www.flagsteacher.com). In addition, you should forward the rubric to the administrators, parents and/or students who would write letters in support of that foreign language teacher. Please be aware, that for the *Outstanding Teacher Award*, the individual must have been a member of FLAGS for at least two consecutive years: the year of nomination and the previous year. When you have all the requirements send them in either by mail or email before February 12, 2012.

It is even easier, if you are nominating someone for the *Friend of the Profession Award*. All you need to

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The President's Perch: Winter 2011-2012

Hello World Language Colleagues,

I hope your fall semester is going well. As brisk autumn leaves swirl, I've stepped out of my classroom to share this brief update on our varied FLAGS events from September through January.

Our plans for the May 5th Norcal Jamboree are well under way. On Tuesday, September 27th and Wednesday, November 2nd, members of the FLAGS Board conferenced online via Wimba with Paula Hirsch, Conference Chair, Kevin Duffy, CLTA President Elect and FLASCC President, and Robert Blake, Director of UCCLLT, the World Language Consortium at UC Davis. Hoping to have about 100 participants, we decided to call for a total of 20 presenters, with five presenting at each of the four one-hour time slots between 10:00 AM and 12:10, and 1:10 to 3:20 PM. Some of the more popular presentations may occur more than once. We will adjust the numbers as we see how many people actually sign up, as well as which presentations our participants request. The cost of the Jamboree will be \$50 for CLTA members. Non-members will pay an additional \$70: \$50 for CLTA membership plus \$20 for affiliate membership. Robert Blake (rblake@ucdavis.edu) will take care of the presentation facilities, Karen Callahan (kpcallahan@ucdavis.edu) will handle the food service arrangements, Kevin Duffy (kmduff@pacbell.net) will serve as Treasurer, and the FLAGS Board (www.flagsteacher.com) will plan the order and room assignments of the presentations. All those interested in presenting must be current members of both CLTA and their regional affiliate. They need to download the Jamboree proposal form from <http://www.clta.net/jamboree> and fill it out using Word. Then, by the January 17, 2012 deadline, they must send the proposal as an attachment to Paula Hirsch at phirsch@windwardschool.org. Prospective presenters will hear from Paula by March 1, 2012. We encourage all those interested to share their expertise with their colleagues in a one-hour presentation.

So much for our exciting statewide Norcal Jambo-

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Get involved!

DATES & EVENTS

FLAGS Board Meeting 2011-2012

@ Ettore's 4:30-6:00 PM

January	20
February	(Jamboree preparations)
March	2
March	30

All members are welcome

Contact: Ruth Ward

(530) 661-4117

FLAGS Winter Conference/Workshop

Saturday, January 28th

Reading Strategies for World Languages

9:00AM-12:00 PM @ Bella Vista High School Rm. B15 (p.4)

\$5 for FLAGS members

FLAGS Student Awards Breakfast

Saturday, April 28th,

8:30 - 10: 30 AM @ Denny's in Orangevale (p.5)

Free!

FLAGS participation in Norcal Jamboree

All day Saturday May 5, UC Davis

\$50 all day (p.6)

Resources and More: Check out the FLAGS Web Site

by Nicole Naditz

Looking for a board member? Need help advocating for a world language program? Looking for resources for your teaching and your students? Would you like a small grant to help you participate in some of FLAGS events that take your students' language learning and skills out into the community? Look no further than the FLAGS Web site. You can find resources adaptable to any language as well as resources specific to a variety of languages on the site. There is also information on our awards and recognition programs, upcoming professional development for local language teachers, and an archive of past news letters. You'll also find information about each member of the FLAGS board.

Check it out at <http://www.flagsteacher.com>

FLAGS Winter Workshop:

Reading Strategies for World Language Teachers

Come to a hands-on session to learn engaging strategies to help ALL students succeed when reading authentic articles, short stories, novels, and other documents. Strategies shared are gleaned from latest research to address diverse learning styles and special needs and are transferable to students' other subject areas.

Fall Workshop 2011: Introducing the 21st Century Skills

Once again, a group of foreign language teachers came on an early Saturday morning in October to Bella Vista for a wonderful workshop put on by Flags own Christine Lanphere and Nicole Naditz. After a wonderful continental breakfast, participants learned about a new document that aligns the Framework for 21st Century Skills with world language classroom activities and assessments, created by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills. This map clarified exactly how the 21st century skills can be maximized in world language classes. Participants not only received a copy of the document but also had multiple opportunities to collaborate with other foreign language teachers to create additional student activities for their own classes. At the end of the workshop they were well prepared for the 21st century with activities and assessments in hand ready to use on Monday in their classrooms.

You definitely missed out if you didn't attend this wonderful workshop. However, it is not too late to attend the other events FLAGS is putting on every year. The next event will be *Reading Strategies for World Language Teachers* on January 28, 2012. For more information read the article in this newsletter or check out FLAGS website at www.flagsteacher.com.

Remember!

Submit your nomination for
**FLAGS Outstanding
Teacher Award.**



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Happy 2012! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday break. As we begin a new year, it's time to think about renewing lots of things, especially your professional memberships - local, state, and national. FLAGS and CLTA count on you to renew your membership each year so that we can continue to provide you with professional development opportunities, chances to recognize your peers and students, and updated information about advocacy and topics of interest to the profession.

The new membership year started on January 1, 2012. If you are not sure whether your membership is up to date, you can contact me and I'll let you know: membership@flagsteacher.com. The FLAGS Board really counts on your membership to meet our plans for professional development programs, maintaining communication, and offering services for students and teachers in the area. Please help us to achieve our goals by renewing your membership.

Also, as advocates for the language teaching profession, please take a moment to encourage your colleagues who are new to the profession (or new to your school) to become involved with professional organizations such as FLAGS & CLTA. Tell them to check out our website to find information about training opportunities and resources for their classroom (<http://www.flagsteacher.com>), and let them know how important it is to network with other professionals and receive the support that membership brings.

FLAGS and CLTA deserve to be at the top of your New Year's Resolution list. Please take a moment to complete the membership form in this newsletter and send your check in today. We certainly appreciate your support.

Wishing you an extremely successful and prosperous year,

Christine

FLAGS Student Awards Breakfast

By Marie Robb



I know it's tough to get up on a Saturday morning. But do you have an incredible student? Maybe one who just makes you laugh? Or who tries really hard? Someone who is always helping out or who is a great leader in your language club? Recognize that student this year! Each teacher can nominate one student for our annual Student Awards Breakfast. It can be your A+ student or one who always brightens your day. It's up to you!

This year the Awards Breakfast will be held on April 28th, 2012 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at a location to be determined later. Online registration and an invitation that you can print out will be posted on the website closer to the event. Come join us for a delicious breakfast! The honoring teacher must attend because only you know your student! The student may bring up to two guests, and the meal is covered by FLAGS. In addition, each student will receive an award certificate and a gift card. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to acknowledge those students who enrich our lives.

Inga Templeton and her student, Tessaundra



Ruth Ward and her student, Ashley Pineda (Natomas)



Tanya Zaccone and her student, Jothika

Stay connected:

Remember, the FLAGS Ning website has been replaced by the www.flagsteacher.com website.

Please reset your bookmarks!

Where are the new 2009 California World Language Standards?

<http://www.clta.net/standards>

CLTA CORNER

CLTA Conference 2012

March 15-18, 2012

Hilton Hotel

Los Angeles Airport



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ree. On a local level, we have revised the procedures for our FLAGS Teacher Awards. By the February 10, 2012 deadline, FLAGS teachers are to send awardee nominations and supporting documents, either online or by mail, to our awards chair, Inga Templeton, online at awards@flagsteacher.com. At our March 2nd board meeting, we will choose the winners and determine how and when to deliver the awards at the winners' work sites. For this year, we will continue the tradition that prohibits board members from nominating potential awardees, but if there are no award nominees by March 2nd, we may modify that policy.

NorCal Jamboree, FLAGS Teacher Awards, we at FLAGS are definitely future oriented. This was confirmed at our FLAGS Fall Workshop, entitled Twenty-First Century Road Map for World Languages, enthusiastically presented by Nicole Naditz and Christine Lanphere on the morning of October 22nd at Bella Vista High School. Participants were asked to share their initial understanding of what are twenty-first century skills before viewing a brief ACTFL video on the subject. Then, after an informative powerpoint as well as a jigsawed reading of the Twenty-first Century Skills Map, those present discovered that the skills include no less than technology, communication, collaboration, global awareness, financial, economic, business and entrepreneurial literacy, civic literacy, health and environmental literacy, skill sets, environmental awareness, critical thinking, and, of course, problem solving. Participants had plenty of time to brainstorm and discuss how they could better orient their current classrooms to the worldwide technological and communicative expectations of this century.

When autumn comes, can winter be far behind? On January 28th, FLAGS will be holding our Winter Workshop on Reading Strategies at Bella Vista High School. Right now, we can say no more, but details will follow on this intriguing event.

Oh yes, there is one more very important

event you won't want to miss – the California Language Teachers' Association Conference, which will be held from March 15 to 18 2012 at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel. For more information and online registration, to go <http://www.clta.net>. Act now – early bird registration must be postmarked by December 31, 2011, and the pre-registration deadline is February 17, 2012!

Well, the wind is blowing, so it's back to the warm classroom. That's all for the moment, but we'll keep in touch!

Un gran abrazo,



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do is fill out the nomination form on the website and send it in before February 12, 2012. Don't forget, that for a person to be considered for this award he or she must have done a difference for the foreign language education and must be a current member of FLAGS. You may want to consider supportive principals or other administrative people, community members, parents, teachers in other disciplines who have supported the teaching and learning of world language in a particular way, journalists or politicians you know personally who have made a significant contribution to the teaching and learning of world languages, or any other such person who is not a world language teacher.

Too often the efforts of others are overlooked in everyday school life. By nominating someone for these awards you can make sure that all

NorCal Jamboree 2012: A Regional Conference Opportunity

By Christine Lanphere

World Language educators in Northern California are about to have a fantastic new opportunity to attend a world-class conference in the same spirit as the CLTA State Conference: NorCal Jamboree 2012! This conference is being co-hosted by the Foreign Language Association of Greater Sacramento (FLAGS), Foreign Language Association of Santa Clara County (FLASCC), and Foreign Language Association of Monterey County (FLAMCO). We are excited to have the chance to learn from some of Northern California's best language teachers.

Saturday, May 5, 2012 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm), is the date to save for the inaugural NorCal Jamboree. It will take place at Olson Hall on the campus of UC Davis. The registration fee of \$50.00 includes 4 interest sessions, continental breakfast, and lunch. This unique conference is for members of CLTA and one of the regional affiliates sponsoring the conference, and you will have the opportunity to pay your membership dues when you register if you haven't done so already.

We are also accepting proposals for presentations at this time. Each session is one hour long (like a CLTA Interest Session), and registration (including lunch) will be provided for up to 2 presenters per proposal accepted. If you have an idea to share with your colleagues, please consider submitting a proposal. You can download the proposal form on the CLTA website: <http://www.clta.net/jamboree/>. The form can be completed in Word and will be submitted electronically (see the form for instructions). The deadline for session proposals is January 17, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact the

FLAGS Jamboree Coordinator, Tanya Zaccone (tzacccone@surewest.net).

This is a great opportunity to attend a conference with your colleagues who may not have had the chance to go to the CLTA state conference because of the cost of travel and needing to take time off from school. CLTA and the regional affiliates want to provide opportunities for you to network with colleagues in a cost-effective manner, and we hope that we will see many of you on May 5 at UC Davis.

Advocacy News

by Tanya Zaccone

Be sure to check the CLTA website for information on the Seal of Biliteracy that your district can now award to world language graduating high school seniors who meet specific criteria. The new law goes into effect January 1, 2012, and gives potential employers an idea as to the student's background and skill in the language they studied. Each district or department will need to set their own specific rules, but within the guidelines set out in this new law. If you have any other questions after visiting the CLTA website, please email tzacccone@surewest.net (put "Certificate of Biliteracy" in the subject line).

April 28, 2012

Student Awards Breakfast

Register online today!

FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER SACRAMENTO

(A regional affiliate of the California Language Teachers Association)

Membership Application or Renewal

January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012

Circle One

New Renewal

Name (please print).....

Title (circle one) Miss Ms. Mrs. Sister Dr. Mr. Rev. Brother

Home Address.....CA.....

number street city zip

Home Phone (.....)..... School Phone (.....).....

School..... Language(s).....

School Address.....CA.....

number street city zip

E-mail..... Fax.....

(New members) I was encouraged to join by

FLAGS dues (\$20 Regular; \$10 Student; \$5 Retiree) \$_____ (A)

CLTA dues (\$50 Regular; \$40 Student or Retiree) \$_____ (B)

TOTAL (A + B) \$_____

If paying FLAGS & CLTA dues, please make check payable to **CLTA** and send it with this form to:

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**Check out the FLAGS
website!**

www.flagsteacher.com/



**What's your
membership status?**

Have you been wondering if you'd renewed your FLAGS & CLTA membership? If you're not sure, email Christine at membership@flagsteacher.com to find out.

Please renew today!

Stay connected:

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Please reset your
bookmarks!