



The FLAGS Pole

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FLAGS
2006 Celebrations Issue!

**Exploring the world
through music, dance
and poetry**
by Nicole Naditz

Students from all over Sacramento County came together on April 8, 2006, before an audience of about 150 people to share their love of the languages and cultures they have come to know through study or family traditions.

“Cultural Mosaics, Linguistic Landscapes” took place at Mesa Verde High

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**FLAGS Members Honor
Talented
Colleagues**

By Kristina Jenkins, Awards Chair

March 11, 2006, was the date for the Fifth Annual FLAGS Outstanding Teacher Awards Dinner. Forty colleagues, family members, students, and friends gathered for a delicious (and plentiful!) Italian meal at La Strada restaurant in North Highlands.

Following the meal, Kristina Jenkins, FLAGS Awards Chair, intro-

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**FLAGS Recognizes
Super Students**
By Kristina Jenkins, Awards Chair

FLAGS members enjoyed the company of ten students and their guests on May 6, 2006, as we celebrated their excellence and enthusiasm in foreign language.

They must be excellent students to have gotten up so early on a Saturday to spend time with their teachers!

Our Denny's breakfast was perfect for the group. After eating, each student was introduced (read "embarrassed") by his or her teacher and who presented the student with a certificate and a gift card to Starbucks.

This year we celebrated these awe-

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The President's Perch: A letter from Carol

Vacation greetings to you all!

If you're like me, you slid very quickly and easily into the "summer-time" routine: late mornings, leisurely cups of coffee over the morning paper, afternoon naps, evening barbeques, and lots of videos! Or maybe this is your time to "catch up" on all those projects you put on hold during the school year. Maybe you're lucky enough to do some traveling this summer, whether to exotic or domestic locales.

Whatever your plans, remember to spend some time renewing your teacher energies: do some reading, explore that website you found in March, or take an on-line course. Maybe you will attend the CLTA/CFLP Summer Seminar at UC Santa Barbara in early August. I'll be there! Check the CLTA website for information about registering (due June 30!). There's even a grant for French teachers which takes \$200 off the registration fee!

In the new school year, make some plans to attend a FLAGS workshop or the CLTA conference, or come to the CapFLP seminars throughout the year. Networking and learning new strategies is one of the ways to keep your teaching fresh and fun!

Have a terrific summer. I look forward to seeing you all next year!



Con cariño,
Carol

Do you have a great idea for lessons, units, or projects?

FLAGS invites you to share your best ideas with your colleagues on the FLAGS website.

Submit your documents in **PDF** or **PowerPoint** files to Nicole Naditz at advocacy@flagsteacher.com

SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

FLAGS Board meeting

All members are welcome

Contact: Carol Eberhart

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March 29-April 1, 2007

CLTA 2007 Conference in Santa Clara

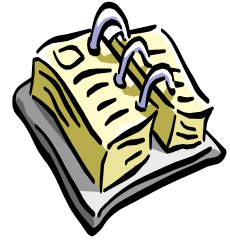
We look forward to seeing you there! Check for registration information on-line at www.clta.net

April 12-14, 2007

SWCOLT 2007 Conference in Las Vegas

The annual Southwest Region conference offers a

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



variety of workshops and interest sessions. The regional Teacher of the Year will also be announced.

Check for registration information on-line at www.swcolt.org.

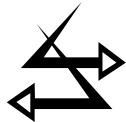
APRIL 28, 2007

5th Annual World Language Day

Location: CSU Sacramento

Check for information on-line at www.csus.edu/worldlanguageday

CLTA CORNER



Check the web!
www.clta.net

What's up with CLTA? Check it out here...

The June 2006 edition of the **CLTA News** is now available online. You can read it online, or download it to your computer to print out for convenience. Look for it at www.clta.net. It has all the latest news!

Great news! Santa Barbara is back! CLTA and CFLP will be offering a shortened version of the annual Santa Barbara Summer Seminar. As in the past, it will take place in early August on the beautiful campus of UC Santa Barbara. The abbreviated format of 3 ½ days makes it possible to offer the seminar at the usual rate of \$600 - \$700 per person (double occupancy.) Single rooms are slightly higher. Look for a flyer in the **CLTA News**, or check out the CLTA web site for details.

CLTA 2007 is in our backyard! Plan to be in Santa Clara at the end of March, 2007, for a fabulous conference hosted by our colleagues in FLASCC. Seek out possible funding sources at the start of the school year. Check out the CLTA website for more information.

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School and featured performances representing French, German, Spanish and Irish traditions, as well as original art by a student of Japanese. Students recited poetry, danced, played piano and sang, creating a tapestry of language and visuals that riveted the audience for the two-hour performance.



Members of Bella Vista High's Madrigals perform at "Cultural Mosaics, Linguistic Landscapes"

The performers came from Bella Vista High School, Del Campo High School, Center High School, Oak Ridge High School and the acrobatic group *California Acrosports*. Next year, organizers are looking forward to increased participation of students throughout our region. All kinds of performances are encouraged—spoken word performances, dance, instrumental and vocal music, and drama.



Dancers from Alpentanzer perform traditional German folk dances at "Cultural Mosaics, Linguistic Landscapes"

If you are interested in participating in the 2007 edition of this exciting event, contact Nicole Naditz at advocacy@flagsteacher.com.

We Have a Winner! FLAGS on the national stage

Nicole Naditz, FLAGS Advocacy Chair, was the first FLAGS member to find out (because she was there!). Carol Eberhart, FLAGS President, was the first person in the area to hear (because she got a call from the slightly dazed subject of this article).

On April 7, 2006, in Phoenix, Arizona, the Southwest Conference on Language Teaching (SWCOLT) announced the recipient of the Regional Teacher of the Year award for 2006: Christine Lanphere from California! Christine received her award from the 2005 National Language Teacher of the Year for ACTFL, Ken Stewart, who was there to participate in the competition interviews.



Christine receiving her award from Ken Stewart, 2005 ACTFL TOY

Christine was selected by the CLTA Executive Board to be the California representative to the regional competition based on receiving a CLTA Outstanding Teacher award in 2005. She prepared an extensive (no more than 50 pages!) portfolio which included resume, letters of reference, and reflective writing about teaching philosophy, practice, and student work. She also was required to film her class and

write a reflection on the video segment.

The portfolio was reviewed and scored by a panel representing the five states who presented candidates for the competition: California, Hawaii, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Utah. California was ably represented on the panel by Carolyn Moir, who represents CLTA at SWCOLT. Each candidate also participated in an oral interview which included questions about teaching philosophy and practice, followed by a mock “press conference” with questions from the panel based on the candidates statements.

At the luncheon the following day, each candidate was introduced and presented with a plaque honoring their role as state representative.

Then Ken Stewart announced the winner’s name and the cameras came out!

Christine will now represent FLAGS, CLTA, and SWCOLT as one of five finalists to the National Language Teacher of the Year competition at ACTFL in November in Nashville, Tennessee.



Lewis Johnson (CLTA President), Christine, Nicole Naditz, and Carolyn Moir (CLTA & SWCOLT Board) at SWCOLT

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duced this year's awardees and then opened the floor to those gathered who had amazing and touching comments and congratulatory remarks.

Receiving the "Outstanding New Teacher Award" was Jennifer Lammerding who teaches Spanish at Bella Vista High School. Jennifer was honored for her enthusiasm and natural talent with students. She also had several pictures taken by Christine (and you know what that means...!). Congratulations, Jennifer, and welcome to the profession!

Also being honored as an "Outstanding Teacher" was FLAGS President, Carol Eberhart. Carol teaches Spanish at American River College and CSU Sacramento, and has served as FLAGS President since 1999.



Jennifer Lammerding and Carol Eberhart at the Fifth Annual FLAGS Outstanding Awards Dinner

Carol is also the Site Director for the Capital Foreign Language Project which serves most of northern California. She has been honored for her service and leadership by CLTA, and we are proud to have her as our colleague.

Our awardees each had a huge table of guests to support them and everyone had fabulous things to say about them. I do believe some tears even fell. This was truly a special event: hearing all the great things these teachers are doing reminds us why we want to teach.

Please consider nominating a colleague who goes above and beyond in sharing language learning with students. The FLAGS nomination process

mirrors that of CLTA, so why not do both? Look for nomination forms and rubrics on the website in the fall!



*Take the **FLAGS** Poll
on-line today!*

Check out the FLAGS website for...

- links to teacher resources
- the latest newsletter
- information about FLAGS events
- and more!

Thanks to the outstanding work of our webmaster, Nicole Naditz, FLAGS members have access to a website loaded with information about upcoming events and links to resources for our classrooms. You have undoubtedly checked it out at least once by now.

A new feature on the website is the "FLAGS Poll" - an on-line survey for FLAGS members. Simply click on the link and answer the questions to help the Board better serve you by designing programs that meet your needs. It's fast and easy!

The "Poll" will be changed periodically to help us gather information about different topics, so you may receive messages in future to encourage your participation again.

Check it out!



*When in Rome...
well, maybe when in Sacramento!*

Do your part to create a fabulous regional affiliate, FLAGS!
Attend a Board meeting: find out what is in the works and let us know what you'd like to see planned in future.
If you get inspired, join us on a regular basis as an **At-Large Board Member**.
We want your input!

Welcome new **FLAGS** members!

We are thrilled to welcome the following new members:

Cecilia Sanchez Student Teacher

We want to fill this space with many names!
Please help us make it a reality!

Encourage your new colleagues to join us!

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some students: **Daniel Vasilechuk** (Tanya Zaccone, Center High), **Catherine Lucero** (Kristina Jenkins, Bella Vista High), **Aurora Carlson** (Ruth Ward, Natomas High), **Erika Gallegos** (Carol Eberhart, American River College), **Martha Vargas** (Christine Lanphere, Natomas High), **Rachel Koch** (Rosa Beach, Oakridge High) **Erik Bobb** (Rosa Beach, Ponderosa High), and **Katie Ahrens** (Evelyn Bejarano, Bella Vista High). The FLAGS Board also gave two special service awards to **Marie Bersola** and **Kyle Bruce** from Natomas High School, who have dedicated the past two years to "Read Around the World".



Nicole Naditz, Advocacy Chair, presents awards to Kyle Bruce and Marie Bersola for their outstanding service to FLAGS through the "Read Around the World" program

Time like this to thank our special students is time well-spent! Plan to select an outstanding student to honor at next year's Student Awards Breakfast, one of the services available to members of FLAGS.

Membership Corner



As we finish the school year and head into summer, FLAGS has 94 members who have renewed with CLTA and FLAGS for 2006. However, in the past, we've done much more: in 2003, FLAGS had a record 160 members and last year, we had 115 members.

Each summer, the FLAGS Board holds a "Strategic Planning" meeting to plan the calendar and create the budget for the following year. At that time, we determine how much we are able to allocate toward services for the members such as the Teacher and Student Awards programs, "Read Around the World", and publications and mailings. We base our budget on having 100 members renew each year, so, as you can see, our income is coming in under budget this year so we may not have as much as we need to support all of our programs.

Please help us to reach our budget goals. If you are not sure whether your membership is up to date, check your mailing label: your membership year is printed beside your name. If it says "2006", you're current. Thank you! If it has another year printed, it's not too late! Please send in your renewal today. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact me at membership@flagsteacher.com.

Also, as advocates for the language teaching profession, please take a moment next fall 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 new website, 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 "To Do" list. Please take a moment to complete the form on the next page and send your check in today. We certainly appreciate your support.

Christine

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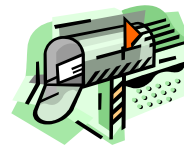
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**What's your
membership status?**

Have you been wondering if you'd renewed your FLAGS & CLTA membership? You can tell by looking at the mailing label on this newsletter. The membership year that you have paid through is printed beside your name!

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your e-mail?**

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