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FLAGS is a membership organization whose purpose is to provide networking, resources and professional development to world language teachers in the greater Sacramento area. We are an affiliate of the California Language Teachers' Association.

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SUMMER SEMINAR!



The 2015
Summer Seminar
is rapidly
approaching!

Friday, July 17 -
Tuesday, July 22,
2015 in Santa
Barbara!

To access the
Summer Seminar
2015 brochure:
[http://
web.stanford.edu/
group/CFLP/
summerseminar2
015.pdf](http://web.stanford.edu/group/CFLP/summerseminar2015.pdf)

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The President's Perch

Greetings, FLAGS Members!

Spring has definitely sprung, and FLAGS kicked it off in a big way by hosting an *outstanding*, and very well-attended CLTA conference. On behalf of the entire FLAGS board, I would like to extend my thanks to the many FLAGS members who volunteered before and during the event to ensure a successful conference for all attendees. Check out Tanya Zaccone's article in this newsletter for a full recap of the conference.

As we enjoy Spring Breaks around the region and the upcoming close of another school year, please be sure to mark Saturday, April 25 on your calendars for our 18th Annual *Student Awards Breakfast*. Additionally, please RSVP to FLAGS Vice President Inga Templeton as soon as possible, because space is limited for this wonderful, uplifting event. It is free for FLAGS members, so check out the announcement in this newsletter or the events page on our Web site (<http://www.flagsteacher.com/events>), where you can get all the information you need on how to register and download an invitation to give to the student you are honoring. This Student Awards Breakfast is a great way to honor a consistent language star, a most-improved student, a compassionate devotee of service learning, or any other student you would like to recognize for any reason. You choose who to honor and what the award should say on the certificate. And best of all, you will join us with your student and two friends or family members of the student as a guest of FLAGS for a wonderful breakfast in the students' honor.

This summer offers plenty of ways to stay engaged, or give your teaching strategies repertoire a boost. First there is the Capital World Language Project Summer Institute, June 15-19 at CSUS. This year, participants will focus on and develop strategies to build literacy. Information will be available on our website and Facebook page by Mid-May.

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Events You Should Ink in your Calendar!

**Saturday, April, 25,
2015 - Student
Awards Breakfast,
8:30-10:30 a.m.,
Annie's Breakfast
and Steaks, 8800
Greenback Ln,
Orangevale, CA
95662. Invitation to
provide to student:
coming in early
spring 2015! All
FLAGS Members
may participate!
(See sidebar on this
page for more
information!)**

**Fri., July 17-Weds.,
July 22 SUMMER
SEMINAR in Santa
Barbara! Watch for
additional details in
our Spring 2015
Issue of the FLAGS
Pole!**

**November 20-22,
2015 The ACTFL
Annual Conference
is returning to San
Diego!**

**March 16-20, 2016
CLTA Conference
Visalia**

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If you'd like to mix a bit of travel with your learning, consider attending the Santa Barbara Summer Seminar for Language Teachers, co-sponsored by CLTA and the California World Language Project. There are many different strands for you to choose from and the whole experience is described by its many repeat attendees as "summer camp for language teachers." You know you want to be there. You can find more information at <http://web.stanford.edu/group/CFLP/summerseminar2015.pdf>

We hope to see many of you at our FLAGS Student Awards Breakfast and also at the upcoming professional development opportunities this summer.

All the best,

Nicole



Sacramento FLAGS/CLTA Conference an Inspiring Success

by Tanya Zaccone, Local Chair

Looking around the Conference this year, one couldn't help but notice the sea of blue ribbons on nametags, signifying a multitude of first-time CLTA Conference attendees, great news for the future of world language in California. More than 600 participants attended March 5-8, 2015 in Sacramento, eager to learn more about "Common Core and More: Big Ideas Start Here," from outstanding and engaging presenters. Attendees of Thursday and Friday workshops came away with cutting edge ideas to use right away, as well as current theories and ideas to consider for changing the culture of the classroom. As CLTA president **Svetlana Lazarova** said, the Conference could be a time "...to assess and reflect on the ever-changing dynamics of the learning environment – from teacher-centered to teacher-driven and student-centered, to now student-driven, or maybe, that nowadays young people need to be college- AND career-ready with the world language community adding world-ready."

The Conference was dedicated to **Sylvia Jones**, a long-time CLTA member, past president and Conference Chair. A tribute in Sylvia's honor brought complete silence and many tears to the attendees of the Friday night Banquet. As the former Executive Director of CLTA, **Lorraine D'Ambruoso**, noted in the Conference program:

*Sylvia's life was devoted to the idea that education was a right and a necessity for each and every student. She was one of the first to work on fostering equity for all in our educational system. She was an inspiration and a mentor to teachers, young and old. For that reason, her husband, **Vernon** has established a fellowship in Sylvia's memory to support teachers' participation at Summer Seminar.*

What a tribute to Sylvia! She would be happy to see the many educators continuing the tradition. And to that end, Conference also means awards and grants, and the coveted Hal Wingard Lifetime Achievement Award went to **Anne Jensen**, currently a teacher of French and Instructional Supervisor at Henry M. Gunn High School in Palo Alto. **Carol Sparks** was awarded the prestigious Lorraine D'Ambruoso Award for Meritorious Service to the Profession. CLTA President, Svetlana Lazarova, presented the President's Award to **Kim Hoffman** of Elkhorn Consulting Partners, who has donated much of her time to coaching CLTA in the use of Salesforce. For more award and grant winners please go to clta.net/membership/awardsandgrants.

Our two outstanding speakers received rave reviews for their insightful and motivating messages. At the Saturday Plenary, **Carrie Roberts**, Administrator of Professional Learning Support Division, California Department of Education, updated attendees on current and future initiatives in the department. (Stay tuned for information about proposed legislation AB711 on the adoption of national standards.) Her remarks were not only informative, but highlighted the collaboration that has been ongoing between the department and CLTA, for the benefit of students and teachers in California.

Our very own **Nicole Naditz**, French teacher at Bella Vista High School and 2015 National Teacher of the Year (TOY), delivered the keynote address at the Sunday Brunch. What a powerhouse! "Big Ideas" came alive with specific classroom ideas, but also with challenges to us all to begin making steps to power up teaching and

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Sacramento FLAGS/CLTA Conference an Inspiring Success

by Tanya Zaccone, Local Chair

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learning. Nicole's keynote address created palpable excitement and declarations of renewed enthusiasm for rethinking classrooms.

ACIS represented by our own **Lynne Freeman** once again demonstrated incredible generosity by donating two trips to Europe, one at the Plenary and one at the Sunday Brunch.

Many thanks go to the hard-working Local Committee Chairs, members of FLAGS who gave their time, energy and creativity to make this Conference a memorable experience for world language and culture educators not only from California, but also from the nation and the world:

A/V	Kristina Jenkins
Publicity	Nicole Naditz
Local Registrar	Katherine Thornburgh
Hospitality	Inga Templeton
Units, CSU, Sacramento	M. Carol Brown, Ph.D.
Local Awards	Marie Robb
Presiders/ Evaluations	Soledad Ramírez



Special shout-outs also go to *Christine Lanphere* who was instrumental in so many areas behind the scenes; and *Evelyn Bejarano*, CLTA Registrar, who also spent many hours above and beyond her CLTA duties to ensure smooth registrations, among many other bits and pieces that simply needed to be done. We definitely have a can-do FLAGS Board!

Finally, and as if all of these fantastic efforts and presentations weren't enough, we also brought back the beloved Friday Night Banquet, complete with DJ and dancing after. It has been a long time since CLTA has seen such boogying! If you attended this Conference, you already know! If not, seriously consider attending next year's CLTA Annual Conference in Visalia, hosted by the Central Valley World Language Association, March 16-20, 2016. Yes, you will probably drive, but why not get together several colleagues and make it a once-in-a-lifetime bonding experience. And our dedicated and delightful colleagues in the Central Valley have already been hard at work to make sure you are offered a valuable experience and new perspective. See you in Visalia!



Summer Seminar



The California Language Teachers' Association
and
The California World Language Project's



26th Annual Summer Seminar for Language Teachers

Common Core, World Readiness and Interculturality:
The Passport to Global Leadership

July 17 - July 22, 2015

University of California, Santa Barbara

Co-Sponsored by:



This AP Summer Institute
has been endorsed by



REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Postmarked or Uploaded by
June 12, 2015

The FLAGS Annual Awards Breakfast

LET'S DO BREAKFAST!!!

(Keep reading to learn more about the 2015 Annual Student Awards Breakfast!)

FLAGS is hosting our 18th Annual Student Awards Breakfast on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

This is your opportunity to honor that amazing student you are so excited to recognize!!!

You are invited to nominate one of your students, (who may come with two guests). All you have to do is email your nomination to the awards chair Inga Templeton, ingatempleton@sbcglobal.net, and join us on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 8:30-10:30 AM to honor your special student and enjoy a complimentary breakfast.

Students will receive an award of your choice and a gift card. Space is limited! Don't miss out on this wonderful event to show your appreciation to your students.

The FLAGS Annual Student Awards Breakfast will take place at Annie's Breakfast and Steaks at 8800 Greenback Ln in Orangevale, CA.

For more information and a downloadable invitation go to our FLAGS website, <http://www.flagsteacher.com/events>



Got Membership?

CLTA MEMBERSHIP - WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

DID YOU KNOW there are many benefits to becoming a member of CLTA? You can earn reduced rates for Conferences, AND we now have joined with other members of SWCOLT to present webinars that are free to members. Additionally, your membership supports Advocacy Outreach and Professional Development through annual Conference, Summer Seminar and other venues.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE! You get the inside track on awards and grants, excellent rates for adult background checks through CLTA insurance, and for affiliates who host Language Camps satisfaction in knowing you are a part of the California professional association for world language and culture educators and much more!

IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER of CLTA, thank you for supporting your professional organization; if not, you are invited to become a part of the state's professional organization for language teachers, which ultimately affects our state's learners in the most positive of ways. There are many more benefits in addition to these listed, and we hope you choose to be a part of CLTA!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please consult the CLTA website at clta.net

Sincerely,

Tanya

FLAGS MEMBERSHIP

Members: This is a reminder that your current membership for 2014-15 will expire August 31, 2015. Mark your calendars to RENEW your membership when you start the new school year. This will bring us in line with CLTA and their membership year.

Not a member, but you want to recognize a colleague for their outstanding teaching? For \$15, you & your colleague can become members and you can nominate each other for the FLAGS Outstanding Teacher Award.

It's not too late!

Not a member, but you want to honor a particular student at the annual Student Awards Breakfast? For \$15 you can become a member and honor that special student. **It's not too late!**

Not a member, but you want to apply for small grants to fund special Advocacy/ outreach event you are planning with your students? For \$15, you can become a member and apply for that funding. **It's not too late!**

It's not too late to renew or join FLAGS for the current academic year (2014-2015), print and send in the membership form on page 5 of this newsletter or visit <http://www.flagsteacher.com/membership.html>.

To renew or join CLTA, visit <https://www.tfaforms.com/340273>.

Sincerely,

Evelyn

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Membership Application or Renewal

FLAGS: January 1, 2015 - August 31, 2015 [CLTA: Sep 1, 2014-Aug 31, 2015]

Circle One

Name (please print)

New Renewal

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

Home AddressCA.....

number street city zip

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

School Language(s).....

School AddressCA.....

number street city zip

E-mail Fax

(New members) I was encouraged to join by

FLAGS dues* (\$15 Regular & BOGO; \$10 Student; \$5 Retiree) \$_____ (A)

☐ I'm doing BOGO with _____ (first & last name)
(both BOGO members must complete separate forms)

CLTA dues (\$45 Regular; \$35 Student or Retiree) \$_____ (B)

TOTAL (A + B) \$_____

(A) If paying FLAGS dues only (including BOGO), please make check payable to **FLAGS** and send it with this form to:

FLAGS Membership
9400 Trenholm Dr.
Elk Grove, CA 95758

(A+B) If paying both FLAGS & CLTA dues (but NOT BOGO), please make check payable to **CLTA** and send it with this form to: (or go to clta.net/membership to pay w/a credit card and/or join other affiliates)

CLTA Membership
8822 Woodman Way
Sacramento, CA 95826



Please note: **FLAGS Dues** are prorated for 2015 only to bring our membership year into alignment with CLTA's.