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SPRING 2022

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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President's Perch

Spring has sprung! All of us at FLAGS hope the return of sunshine, flowers, and warmer weather is lifting spirits and offering more opportunities for all of our members to engage in a variety of activities that support social emotional wellness, whether they be outdoor recreational and sports activities or more opportunities for social and family connections.

Spring also means it's almost time for our favorite activity of the year: the FLAGS Student Awards Breakfast. In order to ensure the safety of all members, honorees and their guests, the event will be on Zoom again this year, but we hope you will check out the information in this issue of our FLAGS Pole and register right away!

Finally, take a peak at our round up of the CLTA conference and an important save-the-date announcement for the return of the in-person Santa Barbara Summer Seminar for language teachers!

Take care!
Nicole Naditz
FLAGS President



|| PAUSE...

AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS! :)

Student Awards Breakfast:
Sat., May 14th, 2022
9 a.m., via Zoom

CWLP/CLTA Summer Seminar
Santa Barbara
July 15-22nd

Find more info in this issue!

CLTA conference recap

February 2022

by Deanna Duffy

The last weekend of February, World Language teachers across the state of California gathered virtually to renew their spirits and professional practices online at the 2022 CLTA conference. The workshops ran on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday afternoon. The plenary and interest sessions happened on Saturday and Sunday morning. It was a fabulous time for professionals to collaborate, share ideas, and grow while learning from each other. Paula Hirsch, the conference chair, summarized the conference in the March CLTA newsletter. If you missed her message, you can read it [here](#). Many teachers were honored with awards during the conference. See some photos below, including our very own Evelyn Bejarano!

I attended the conference and would like to share my personal take-aways. First, I attended the workshop on Discussion Cards from the San Diego County Office of Education. You can explore these cards [here](#). There are short modules that help you understand how the cards can be used and I can assure that many of your colleagues, not just World Language teachers, would be interested in these cards.

One popular interest session was "SOS for New Teachers- Five Life Savers for Monday" with Bethany Thompson. Even though the title was worded to attract new teachers, I noticed many veteran teachers present. We all appreciated getting some ideas on "no-prep", "ready-to-go" activities that make our lives easier. In her session on authentic resources, Catherine Ousselin presented on how to manage social media in order to find truly authentic materials for one's classroom. The recorded sessions are still available until July 31st with the conference fee. If you have time. check them out!

CLTA 2022
Teacher of the Year



Dr. Vicky Xiong - Lor

CLTA Outstanding
Teacher Leader



Tonja Byrom

Hal Wingard Lifetime
Achievement Award



Dr. Carol Brown

Lorraine D'Ambruoso Award
Meritorious Service to the Profession



Evelyn Bejarano

CWLP/CLTA Summer Seminar 2022 is ON!

Great news! The CWLP/CLTA Summer Seminar 2022 will be held IN-PERSON at UC Santa Barbara!!!

After a 2 year hiatus, CWLP and CLTA leaders have decided that we can finally gather in-person for this fabulous “Summer Camp for World Language Teachers”. The Summer Seminar will be held **July 15-20, 2022**, at UC Santa Barbara. This year’s theme is *Caring for Our World, Caring for Ourselves: Honoring Indigenous Voices*.

Seminar participants will be housed in the campus dormitories, dine in the campus dining halls, experience daily keynote addresses and attend Strand activities. In addition, this year will feature daily “wellness activities” such as yoga, meditation, nature walks, and more! Everyone who has attended Summer Seminar in the past will tell you that it is fun, educational, and enriching to spend a week with other educators that value professional development as much as you do.

There are 10 different Strands to choose from, ranging from the new World Languages Standards & Framework, to language immersion strands (Mandarin, Japanese, French, and Spanish), Dual Language Immersion (DLI), Project Based Language Learning (PBLL), Underrepresented Languages, Leadership, and the beloved Student Strand for college students interested in exploring a career teaching languages. If you know a college student who might be interested in attending, they can complete the application for full financial support to attend (room/board & Strand) using the link below.

As an added bonus, there are two different scholarship opportunities available to help you pay for Summer Seminar this year: Sylvia Jones Legacy Scholarship for mid-career teachers (10-20 years), and the CARES Scholarship for California teachers who are unable to receive financial support from their school, district, or other sources to attend. To apply for either scholarship, you will need to register at this link: <https://worldlanguagesummerseminar.org/seminar-details/#registration>

When you complete your registration, you can then complete an application for scholarship support for either scholarship offering. The information and links are located on the same page as the Seminar registration. For the CARES Scholarship, you will need to approach your school administration to request funding first. If you do not receive full financial support from your school, then you will communicate that in your CARES Scholarship application (Google Form). The application deadline for both scholarships is June 15, 2022.

We hope to see you in Santa Barbara this summer to celebrate the return of the CWLP/CLTA Summer Seminar!

FLAGS AWARDS

Teacher Awards!!!

FLAGS wants to recognize your amazing fellow language teachers - especially ones that you think are doing a great job in 2020. With your nomination, current FLAGS members could win a monetary award and the recognition that they so deserve.

Please send us the name of your colleague and three letters of recommendation: one from an administrator, one from a colleague (you) and one from a parent/student. The letters should explain why the teacher should receive a FLAGS Award.

We will sweeten the pot by giving additional funds to the WL department of their home school! Can you imagine how happy you could make a colleague this holiday season by getting them some extra money and a certificate of excellence? Once you have collected all the letters you can email them to the awards chair, Inga Templeton, at ingatempleton@hotmail.com. We can't wait to give these out.

Honor a Student @ the Student Awards Breakfast!!!

In the Spring, the FLAGS Board honors students who have demonstrated excellence in World Language instruction. FLAGS highlights students from all levels, and the teacher has a chance to brag about them. This year's Student Awards Breakfast will be held again via Zoom. Teachers should be present and prepared to speak about the student. For more information, contact any FLAGS board member. The link to nominate a student is on the FLAGS website under events (or nominate [here](#)).

Best to you, ~ Inga Templeton. FLAGS Vice President



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Membership Matters

THANK YOU to all who have paid your membership dues. Most have taken advantage of the Special Packaged Deal where FLAGS dues are only \$5 (instead of \$20) when you sign-up for CLTA Membership at the same time. However, there are still a few who have been so busy it has slipped their “TO DO” lists. Thirty dollars gets you CLTA Standard membership at \$25 and FLAGS membership at \$5. This \$5 price is good **only** if you sign-up for CLTA membership at the same time. You will need to do this through the [CLTA website](#).

As a **member** you can attend all FLAGS Workshops for free. You can **nominate a colleague** for **FLAGS Outstanding Teacher Award**. You can **honor a student** at the annual **Student Award Breakfast**. You can apply for small grants to fund special advocacy/outreach event you are planning with your students.

Not a member, but you want to recognize a colleague for their outstanding teaching? For \$20 (*\$30 if you include CLTA membership*) each, 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 \$20 (*\$30 if you include CLTA membership*) each, 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 \$20 (*\$30 if you include CLTA membership*) each, you can become a member and apply for that funding. **It's not too late!**

It's never too late to take advantage of the Special Package Deal, go to <https://www.tfaforms.com/4816174>. If you don't want to worry about renewing your membership year after year, you can opt-in to Automatic Membership Renewal (only available for credit card payments through the CLTA portal).

To join or renew **FLAGS Membership ONLY** follow the instructions for **FLAGS Membership Only** at <http://www.flagsteacher.com>.