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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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AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS! :)

FLAGS Fall Festa!
Friday, Oct. 20 @
Mimi's in Alta Arden.
More details on pg. 6
of this issue!

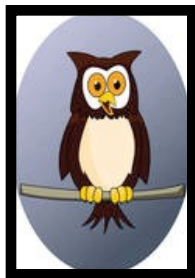
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**CLTA World Language
Jamboree River City**
HS, Sat., Oct. 28,
2017 - See details on
page 6 of this issue!

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ACTFL, - Nashville,
TN - Nov. 17-19,
2017: More details
on Pg 6 about this
extraordinary annual
conference!

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**Winter/Spring
Workshop @**
SacState: Jan. 20
2018!

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**CLTA conference - The
Quest for Proficiency:**
Ontario, CA - March
8-11 2018 - More
details on Page 6!

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**Student Awards
Breakfast:**
Spring, 2018
Save-the-Date details
on Page 6, and more
info to come in the
Winter Issue of the
FLAGS Pole!



The President's Perch

Greetings, FLAGS Members!

Welcome back to school. By now all of us are back in session and we are excited to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year.

Check out the information in this issue for this year's events. We have a great line-up for you. This year, we are co-hosting the CLTA WL Jamboree, a one-day mini conference. It's a lot of professional development packed into one day and it's right in here in West Sacramento. Also in this issue and on the events page of our Web site (<http://www.flagsteacher.com/events>) you can find information about the Fall Festa, our annual welcome-back celebration that is free for our members. Want to attend but not a member of FLAGS? No problem. Just come with your membership dues. We will have forms ready for you. You can find our membership categories and pricing information at www.flagsteacher.com/membership. Finally, we will round out our calendar with our Winter Workshop and our popular Student Awards Breakfast. Information about these can also be found on the events page of our Web site.

In addition to our member events, there is exciting news on the professional front: the California World Language Content Standards will be refreshed over the coming months, with the new standards currently set for approval by the State Board of Education in 2019. This important work will require the participation of world language teachers and other professionals in world language education from all over the state and representing a variety of backgrounds, languages, school types and student age ranges. Look for an email with an invitation to apply to serve on the Standards Advisory Committee later this month. This is an amazing opportunity to contribute in a powerful way to the teaching of world language in California and to meet and work alongside other dedicated, accomplished language education professionals.

Feel free to reach out to me or any of the FLAGS board members at any time with your questions or ideas. You can find our contact information on the "Meet the Board" page of our Web site.

Nicole

Nicole Naditz
FLAGS President

FROM THE EDITOR...

Dear FLAGS Members,

As always, the summer felt like it flew by, and it already seems as if we have been back in session for several months. It has been a joy to begin to develop a new program of combined advanced Spanish at EDHS, and to hone other programs that have been developed over time. As always, I find myself combing through the lists of ideas I had during the summer to integrate new communicative strategies in the classroom, and am looking forward to several fantastic opportunities for new ideas this year. I hope we get to meet up at some of these professional development events...

- 📌 CWLP - Tech in the classroom - this year's program starts on Sept. 30 and focuses on leveraging technology to develop and implement standards-based world language instruction. visit: https://esmp.ucop.edu/home/display_program_details/1295693
- 📌 CLTA WL Jamboree: More information is available at <http://clta.net/event/clta-jamboree/> and on Page 6 of this issue of the FLAGS Pole, but be sure to ink OCT 28 into your calendars for our first regional Jamboree in years!
- 📌 ACTFL Annual Conference & Expo: Nashville, TN - November 17-19, 2017. If you have never been to Nashville, fall is a fantastic time to go, and you will want extra time there to enjoy the sights, and especially the music! For more information and registration, visit: <https://www.actfl.org/convention-expo>.
- 📌 FLAGS Winter Conference: More information to come about our Winter Conference on Sat., January 20, 2018.
- 📌 CLTA Annual Conference & Workshop: Our state annual convention will take place in Ontario, CA this year, from March 8-11, 2018. More details will be coming available soon, and to keep up, check out <http://clta.net/event/2018-annual-clta-conference/>.

Please keep an eye on our website, www.flagsteacher.com for updated information regarding events we are hosting, as well as events that different partner organizations offer throughout the year. And, if you have any ideas, articles, pictures or other material you would like included in the FLAGS Pole, we always welcome member input! We look forward to seeing you at the workshops and conferences. Additionally, if you are not sure if your contact information is up to date, please help us update our records by sending your most current email address to us at flagsacramento@gmail.com. Finally, if you have not already done so, go "Like" us on Facebook!

Have a fantastic fall, and best to everyone!

Cheers,

Katherine Thornburgh

Editor, FLAGS Pole

Psssst...For LIVE web Links, visit the digital version of this newsletter at
<http://www.flagsteacher.com/flags-pole-newsletter.html>

Honoring Our Students at the 2017 Annual Student Awards Breakfast ~ Spring, 2017

On the morning of Saturday, April 29, 2017, a group of 24 language teachers, their students, and their students' families gathered happily at Mimi's Cafe on Alta Arden. The occasion was to honor those students who stood out in their classrooms during the 2016-2017 academic year, those who particularly impressed their teachers with their enthusiasm and their commitment to learning a language, and going above and beyond what they were asked to do.

First, we enjoyed a delicious breakfast, compliments of FLAGS, as we socialized with our honorees. Then - our favorite part - we presented our students with awards that carried such diverse titles as "Distinguished Effort in Language Production," "Excellent Academic Achievement," "Model Spanish Student," and "Outstanding French 1 Student." Along with a certificate, the students received gift cards.

We teachers loved the opportunity to recognize our students' achievements. Thank you, FLAGS, for hosting this event!



Summer Seminar, 2017

Summer Seminar 2017 once again lived up to its name and reputation, as participants explored “Core Practices for World Language Learning and Global Competency” within their chosen strands, as well as during daily morning sessions with knowledgeable and entertaining speakers.

One highlight that hasn’t changed over the years, is the introduction of the students in the Student Strand, which is an opportunity for college sophomores and juniors to explore the world language teaching profession in the context of supportive and knowledgeable professionals.

Our Annual CLTA Town Hall Meeting took a different turn this year, with a panel discussion surrounding the topic “Supporting All Student in our National Climate.” Our panelists, Pat Nakashima, Nancy Pérez, Maricela Morales and Dany Doueiri, shared their personal and professional histories with the convening group, as a starting point for discussion and sharing what some schools and districts are currently doing to address this important concern.

If you have already been to Summer Seminar, you are no doubt already considering asking for funding for next July. As you think through your options, check with your school or district to find out if there are professional development funds available for this kind of an opportunity. Additionally, student teachers and new or beginning teachers (in their first three years of teaching), should also consider applying for a partial grant worth \$500. Teachers can use this grant it to reduce the amount of money they need to earn or raise to pay for the conference, and they get to attend the strand of their choice at the workshop.

For further information, please see the CLTA Online Newsletter coming out in mid-September, or contact Tanya at www.clta.net.

~ Tanya Zaccone
Executive Director of CLTA

Celebrate Success!

Teacher Awards!!!

Celebrate excellence in teaching! Most of us have first-hand knowledge of teachers deserving more credit - and the best way to start honoring each other’s work is by recognizing one another! This starts with each of us, and **YOU CAN HONOR AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER THIS YEAR with a FLAGS Teacher Award.** As a bonus the teacher will receive \$200 and the award will be presented at the faculty meeting in front of the whole staff.

It is really easy to nominate a teacher. All we need is the name of the teacher and three letters recommendation, why the teacher should receive the FLAGS Teacher Award. The letters have to be from a principal, a colleague and a parent or a student. Only teachers who are current FLAGS members can be nominated for this award. Once you have collected all the letters you can email them to the awards chair Inga Templeton at ingatempleton@hotmail.com.

Don’t miss out for this great opportunity to honor one of your colleagues because FLAGS will only give out 3 teacher awards per year!

Student Awards Breakfast!

Mark your calendars to attend the FLAGS Annual Student Awards’ Breakfast on Saturday, April 21 at Mimi’s in Alta Arden!

This fantastic event gives us as teachers the opportunity to honor one outstanding student from your classes in any way you would like to recognize them! The invitation includes free breakfast for you, as well as the student and two guests. The student will be honored with a certificate of recognition and a small gift of acknowledgement.

Professional Development Opportunities...What, When and Where are they in 2017-2018?

The CLTA WL Jamboree

WHAT: An opportunity this fall to re-invigorate your teaching with new techniques, ideas and practical activities! You get all this, including breakfast and lunch for \$90!

WHEN: Saturday, October 28, 2017 - 8:00am-4:30PM

WHERE: River City, HS, West Sacramento, CA
1 Raider Ln, West Sacramento, CA

WHO: A variety of teachers and world language experts, including Theresa Carrio Plenary & Event Speaker. We are still looking for a few presenters! Please encourage your colleagues to submit a proposal. The link for the proposal form is: <https://goo.gl/forms/Q01vTURNKO17dR4o1>

FALL FESTA, 2017

Our 2017 Fall Festa is coming! Although we often get together to kick off the school year, this year we will be getting together in the middle of Autumn to connect with one another mid-semester and share ideas, plus learn about some exciting up-coming events. **Mark your calendars to attend the FLAGS Fall Festa on Friday, Oct. 20 from 4:30-6:00PM at Mimi's in Alta Arden.** Bring your colleagues and enjoy this FLAGS-sponsored event that includes delicious light snacks!

FLAGS WINTER CONFERENCE

As always, FLAGS will be hosting a Winter Professional Development Workshop. Details are to come, but be sure to mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, January 20, 2108!

CA World Language Project (CWLP)

Every year, the California World Language Project hosts a variety of outstanding language instruction workshops around the state. For more information on Sacramento-area workshops, including current offerings, through CAPWLP, visit:

<https://csmp.ucop.edu/cwlp>

The Quest for Proficiency **CLTA Conference, 2018**

The 2018 Annual CLTA CONFERENCE
Will take place March 8-11, 2018
at the Double Tree & Convention Center
Ontario Airport

Online Registration will open in December 2017

To stay up-to-date, check <http://clta.net/Conference/> for continued information, especially if you are planning to present! Additionally, more details will be available in the Winter issue of the FLAGS Pole!

Experience It!

ACTFL Annual Convention & World Languages Expo, 2017

To register, and for more detailed information, visit:

<https://www.actfl.org/convention-expo/registration>

Membership Corner

Greetings to our Members!!!

It's time to renew your professional memberships. School is back in session and all those eager faces are looking to you to help them learn communication skills in another language. FLAGS is here to help!

Membership Dues are only \$20 (regular), \$10 (student), \$5 (retiree). The membership year is from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. If your label on this newsletter has 2017 (or earlier year) in the upper right corner, then your membership has expired and you need to renew.

As you renew, think about inviting that new teacher at your school/district to become a member or give them a gift of membership. They'll thank you later. There are lots of benefits to being a member of FLAGS.

- You get reduced rates for FLAGS workshops.
- You can nominate colleagues for awards recognizing them for their outstanding teaching.
- You can honor a student at the annual Student Awards Breakfast for FREE.
- You can apply for small grants to fund special Advocacy/outreach events with your students.
- You can join us at the FREE fall member reception.
- And you get instant updates on matters of importance to the profession.

While you're renewing or joining FLAGS for the first time, think about renewing or becoming a member of our mother Association – CLTA.

To renew or join FLAGS, 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/4612991>.

Have a GREAT year!

Evelyn

It's Time for a New Standard...

Apply to Serve on the World Language Standards Advisory Committee

The State Board of Education is recruiting educators for the World Language (WL) Standards Advisory Committee (SAC).

Educators with Bilingual, Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development or California Teachers of English Learners authorization, district and county administrators, college/university faculty, and other world language professionals are encouraged to apply.

Please note that SAC members must commit to be available for all scheduled meetings. The planned WL SAC meeting dates are: February 1–2, March 20–21, May 24–25, and June 28–29, 2018.

The link to the online application will be available on the [World Language Standards](#) Web page until October 30, 2017.

If you have a question or comment about listserv content or wish to suggest a resource, please email swatt@cde.org.

Thank you!

Susie Watt

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Membership Application or Renewal

September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018

Circle One

New Renewal

Name (please print)

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

CLTA dues (\$35 Regular; \$10 Student; \$25 Retiree/Part-time) \$_____ (B)

TOTAL (A + B) \$_____

(A) If paying FLAGS dues only, 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, 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)

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