

# FLAGS POLE

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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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### GEAR UP FOR THE 2017 SUMMER



**CAP World Language Project and the 18th Annual Summer Seminar are rapidly approaching!**

**CAP WLP: June 12-16 in Sacramento**

**Summer Seminar:  
Friday, July 14  
- Wednesday,  
July 19 2017  
in Santa Barbara!**

**For more information, see Page 4 of this Issue!**

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# The President's Perch

## **Greetings, FLAGS Members!**

Spring is in the air! In California, we kicked off the season with a hugely successful California Language Teachers' Association conference in Monterey and FLAGS members were very well represented in the presentation program! Kudos to Kristina Argueta, Melisa Robison, Meadow Pritchett, Atsuko Kiuchi-Fagerness and several members of the board for contributing to a great program. And FLAGS Board member Evelyn Bejarano continued her role as conference registrar. It was also great to see so many of our members in attendance!

In addition, we were so pleased to see FLAGS Member Dr. Carol Brown (co-executive director of the Capital World Language Project) honored as the 2017 recipient of the Lorraine D'Ambruoso Award for Meritorious Service to the Profession. See article in this issue.

Put a spring in a student's step and honor him or her at our FLAGS Student Awards Breakfast. It is our last event of the year, and a favorite of many of our FLAGS members, so it is always completely booked. Registration is free for current FLAGS members, but you must register in advance. The nominating teacher is expected to attend to say a few words about the student. Breakfast is also free for the student and two guests of the student. Register early to guarantee your spot. Registration information and the invitation for you to print for your student are available at <http://www.flagsteacher.com/events>.

All the best,

**Nicole**

**Events You Should  
Ink in your  
Calendar!**

**Saturday, April, 29,  
2017 - Student  
Awards Breakfast,  
9:00 -11:00 a.m., @  
Mimi's Café at the  
Alta Arden Expy,  
Sacramento, CA  
95825.**

**Capital World  
Language Project  
Summer Institute:  
Project-Based  
Language Learning.  
June 12-16, 2017.  
See pg 5 of this  
issue!**

**Fri., July 14-Weds.,  
July 19 SUMMER  
SEMINAR in Santa  
Barbara! See  
additional details  
on Page 6 of this  
issue.**

**November 16-19,  
2017 The ACTFL  
Annual Conference  
is in Music City -  
NASHVILLE!**

**March 8-11, 2018  
CLTA Conference  
Ontario, CA. Watch  
for details in our  
Fall and Winter,  
2017 Issues!**

## FLAGS WINTER WORKSHOP

On Saturday, January 21, 2017, FLAGS hosted a Winter Professional Development Workshop at CSUS that was well-attended. Nicole Naditz showed the enthusiastic audience how Google Cardboard and other Virtual Reality viewers can take students on a 3D and 360-degree tour almost anywhere in the world. The attendees received a free Google Cardboard Virtual Reality viewer as a bonus. We had a blast! As "explorers," we went on a guided expedition without leaving the room. We learned how to go wherever we want with Street View; we looked up our own addresses! It was fascinating, and we all wanted the extra viewers that were raffled off at the end of the workshop.



## Summer 2017 Professional Development Opportunities...

### Capital World Language Project Summer Institute - Project-Based Language Learning:

*It's time to plan your summer professional development opportunities! Capital World Language Project (CapWLP) will once again offer a Summer Institute at CSU Sacramento during the week of June 12-16, 2017. This year, we will explore the fundamentals of Project-Based Language Learning (PBLL) and participants will begin the design of their own PBLL unit for their classes. For program information and to register, please use this link: <https://goo.gl/cPizTN> (short URL is case sensitive)*

### Summer Seminar

**Summer Seminar 2017 is just around the corner, July 14-19 @ the University of California in Santa Barbara**  
*Core Practices for World Language Learning and Global Competence*

**For more information, access the live links here!**

**[2017 Summer Seminar Brochure](#)**

**[Register online now for 2017 Summer Seminar.](#)**

Registration Deadline: Postmarked or Uploaded by  
June 9, 2017

For questions and further information, please send an e-mail to:  
[worldlanguagesummerseminar@gmail.com](mailto:worldlanguagesummerseminar@gmail.com) or call: (650) 736-9042

# The Lorraine D'Ambruoso Award - Honoring Carol Brown

FLAGS members in attendance at the recent CLTA Annual Conference in Monterey (February 17-19, 2017) had a chance to really celebrate at the Sunday Awards Brunch as Dr. M. Carol Brown, Professor Emerita from CSU Sacramento, was awarded the Lorraine D'Ambruoso Award for Meritorious Service to the Profession. This award recognizes an individual who has rendered extraordinary service over time to the profession AND to CLTA. This award is named for the second Executive Director and CLTA past president, Lorraine D'Ambruoso, who not only exemplified best practices and innovative, engaging teaching for decades, but who also served in district and organizational leadership capacities, and who continues to serve CLTA and many other language and culture organizations, including her current position as Co-Convener of the CLTA/CWLP Summer Seminar at Santa Barbara.

FLAGS nominated Carol for this award because of her numerous contributions as a leader in the world language profession in California for over 40 years which includes her extensive involvement in teacher preparation as a University Supervisor of student teachers at Sacramento State University, her leadership in curriculum design as an author of secondary (iDIME! Uno and iDIME!

Dos) and post-secondary textbook series (Spanish for Life), her service to the profession through university and state-level policy making groups, and her ongoing service as a leader in the California World Language Project.

FLAGS reached out to its membership to collect letters of recommendation on behalf of Carol. The FLAGS Board is indebted to the contributions to Carol's portfolio from Jose Oseguera (Laguna Creek HS), Kazue Masuyama (CSUS), Nicole Naditz (Bella Vista HS), and Dr. Jorge Santana (Professor Emeritus, CSUS). Here are some excerpts from the letters:

- ◆ She recognized the importance of community connections and other means of making the target language relevant to students and supported us to infuse these connections and authentic learning opportunities into our lessons rather than relying strictly on textbooks. It is because of her work with our methods class that I not only survived my first years of teaching (in a time before BTSA), but thrived. [Nicole Naditz, Bella Vista High School]
- ◆ In addition to her effective and up-to-date teaching methods, her heart came through as she made herself available to many students as an approachable and welcoming mentor. (Dr. Jorge Santana, CSUS)

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# Carol Brown

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- ◆ As CapWLP co-Director, Carol has demonstrated her leadership skills through not only managing a number of professional development workshops and leadership team trainings, but also establishing partnerships with local schools and districts. (Dr. Kazue Masuyama, CSUS).
- ◆ While I did learn the academics of teaching and learning language through Carol's university courses, my best learning occurred when Carol was my direct supervisor in the student teaching phase of my credential program. [Jose Oseguera, Laguna Creek High School]

Please join me in congratulating Dr. M. Carol Brown on this well deserved honor.

*By Christine Lanphere*



## Membership Matters

Members: This is a reminder that your current membership for 2016-17 will expire August 31, 2017. Mark your calendars to RENEW your membership when you start the new school year. Not a member, but you want to recognize a colleague for their outstanding teaching? For \$20 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 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, 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 (2016-2017), print and send in the membership form on page 5 of this newsletter or visit [http://](http://www.flagsteacher.com/membership.html)

[www.flagsteacher.com/membership.html](http://www.flagsteacher.com/membership.html)

To renew or join CLTA, visit [https://](https://www.tfaforms.com/368575)  
[www.tfaforms.com/368575](https://www.tfaforms.com/368575)

Sincerely,  
Evelyn

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Membership Application or Renewal

September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017

Circle One

Name (please print) .....

New Renewal

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 (\$45 Regular; \$10 Student; \$35 Retiree) \$\_\_\_\_\_ (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](http://clta.net/membership) to pay w/a credit card and/or join other affiliates)

**CLTA Membership**  
425 Twain  
Fresno, CA 93704

