

FLAGS POLE

SUMMER, 2018

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II PAUSE...

AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS! :)

SUMMER SEMINAR! July 20-25, 2018:

More details on Page 5 of this issue.

It is almost TIME to renew your FLAGS MEMBERSHIP! See pgs. 5-6 for more info!

FLAGS Fall Festa Fall Workshops - Stay tuned to your email and Fall 2018 FLAGS Pole for more details!

ACTFL 2018 is in the Big Easy! November 16-18, 2018, New Orleans, LA!

...FROM THE EDITOR...

TRANSITIONS...

Dear FLAGS Members,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that I am moving on from the FLAGS Organization as this school year comes to a close. My husband recently accepted a transfer with the National Forest Service from California to North Carolina. We have loved California, and especially our past 6 years in Placerville, so moving on is very bittersweet. Nevertheless, this transition also brings unique opportunities, and we are looking forward to new adventures in the coming months and years in Asheville, NC.

Even as I move on, we as a FLAGS Board, are very thankful that, as always, another outstanding language teacher has stepped up to drive the FLAGS Pole in the future, and to bring fresh ideas and new leadership to this newsletter. Deanna Duffy will be taking over the Editorship of the FLAGS Pole, effective this summer, and her first issue will be that of the 2018-2019 Academic Year. Please join me in welcoming Deanna to the FLAGS Board!

Finally, one of the most difficult elements of this transition is saying farewell to colleagues with whom I have worked and served over the years. Of special note, are the members of the FLAGS Board. These women work tirelessly, in their teaching posts, outside the classroom in the realms of Professional Development and Advocacy, and across the local, state and national communities to reinforce the essential importance of language and cultural literacy. I will miss learning from these amazing teachers, sharing laughs together, and making the connections that invigorate and vitalize what we do each day. Thank you, Evelyn Bejarano, Christine Lanphere, Nicole Naditz, Marie Robb, Inga Templeton, and Tanya Zaccone for your professional support, and especially your friendship through FLAGS.

My best to the FLAGS Community. I am still here in my heart, and as a CLTA and FLAGS member! Happy Summer 2018!

Cheers,
Katherine Thornburgh



The President's Perch

Dear FLAGS members,

The 2017-2018 school year has come to a close and you now face a well-earned period of no alarm clocks, no grading, lunch when you want for as long as you want and all the activities that bring you joy and rejuvenate you.

All of us at FLAGS want to thank you for a wonderful school year. The CLTA Northern California Jamboree and the Spring workshop were a huge success, and this year's Student Awards Breakfast was an amazing event full of great students, proud parents and thoughtful teachers.

Before we get to the news in this issue, it is also with great appreciation that we wish our amazing newsletter editor, Katherine Thornburgh a fond farewell as she and her family pursue new adventures in North Carolina. She will be dearly missed here and we are so grateful for the beautiful, professional work she has done on our FLAGS Pole newsletters for the past several years. As the French say, bonne continuation, Katherine.

Fortunately, we are in great hands. It is my pleasure to announce Deanna Duffy, French teacher at Bellla Vista High School, as the new FLAGS Pole Editor. And, in the midst of wrapping up her final year and preparing to move across the country, I want to acknowledge the professionalism of Katherine who has been training Deanna throughout the spring semester to take on this role. We are excited to have Deanna on board and we know you will be too!

And now, keep reading to see all the news in the summer issue. Happy vacationing!

Nicole Naditz

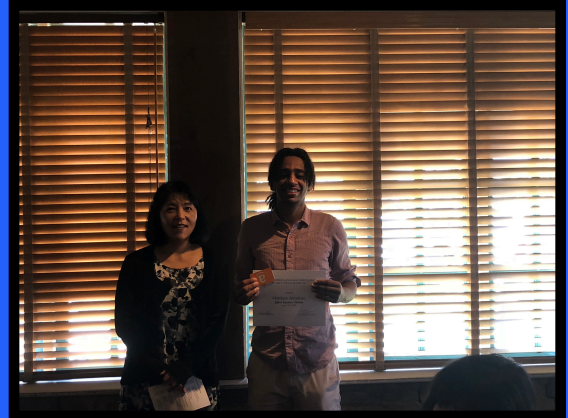
FLAGS President

Honoring Student Achievement...

The 2018 Student Awards Breakfast!!!

On Saturday, April 28, 2018, more than 50 students, parents and teachers congregated at Mimi's in Alta Arden for FLAGS' Annual Student Awards Breakfast, at which we honored 12 outstanding students. One exceptional feature of this Honors Breakfast is that teachers designate a reason for recognizing students, so awards range from most improved, to highest performing, to most courageous; ultimately, we reward outstanding characteristics we see in students and acknowledge their results based on who they are and how these characteristics have shown up in the classroom. It was illuminating and heart-warming to see the broad diversity of awards and languages represented at this year's awards ceremony.

If you did not have the opportunity to attend, please pay attention to next year's announcements, because honoring our students' success is the culmination of what is wonderful about what we do, how we make a difference, and who we get to be each year! Please check out the photos of this year's honorees on this page!

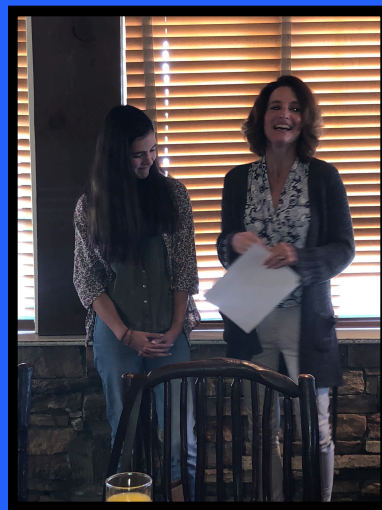


Honoring Student Achievement, Continued...

SUMMER SEMINAR IS... AROUND THE CORNER!

Quick! What's one of the best 2018 world language professional development prospects around, with ocean breezes, amazing colleagues, and Santa Barbara vibes? CLTA-CWLP Summer Seminar of course, coming to you at your nearest UC Santa Barbara July 20-25.

The theme is Instilling Global Competency in World Language Teaching: Words into Action, so this is will be current and practical, so can't wait to see you there. Find everything to need to know, including keynote speakers, strands, registration and, housing on our CLTA website: <http://clta.net/event/29th-annual-summer-seminar-for-language-educators/>



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...Beyond the Individual ~ it's a TEAM Thing!

So, Basketball Season has just come to a close, and whether you follow the NBA or not, you have probably heard that the Golden State Warriors won the national title for the third out of the past four years. You are probably also wondering what bearing this sports trivia could possibly have on FLAGS Membership, (especially if you are not a Warriors fan). So - here it is. The Warriors battle cry through these four years has been "Strength in Numbers." And as I read through the article in the New York Times this morning, a recap of the interview with Stephan Curry explained this. Effectively, no one person is going to be able to win or lose a championship - but having a team of strong players provides the best opportunity to win. Whether you love the Warriors or not, their winning strategy speaks for itself - numbers carry power, and as a group, we are better - and have more collective potential - than we do as individuals.

That is a really long analogy for: Membership Matters! Whether we are looking at professional sports or a network of teachers that care about linguistic and cultural literacy inside AND outside the classroom, it is important to have our voices join a collective message. Legislative agendas, school strategies, community drives, all of these elements can happen with our input from the community, and this starts with membership. So, whether you have let your membership slide, have never been a member, or renew your membership every year - please be sure to join FLAGS and CLTA for the 2018-2019 Academic Year. Your voice makes a difference, and in a time of budgetary restraints and constant forces tugging at purse strings, we language teachers need to make our voices clear for the maintenance and growth of language and cultural literacy in our schools!

Other FLAGS Membership Benefits:

- You are part of an advocacy group for language acquisition everywhere.
- You get reduced rates for FLAGS workshops.
- You can honor a student at the annual Student Awards Breakfast AND recognize excellent teachers in our community.
- You can apply for small grants to fund special Advocacy/outreach events with your students.
- And you get instant updates on matters of importance to the profession.

When is your membership up for renewal? NOW! The membership year is from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019. **Membership Dues are only \$20 (regular), \$10 (student), \$5 (retiree).** AND, whether you're renewing or joining FLAGS for the first time, consider renewing or becoming a member of our mother Association – CLTA. To renew or join FLAGS, print and send in the membership form on page 6 of this newsletter or visit <http://www.flagsteacher.com/membership.html>.

To renew or join CLTA, visit <https://www.tfaforms.com/368575>.

Happy Summer, 2018!

Evelyn*

Evelyn Bejarano

FLAGS Membership Chair, Retired Spanish & French Teacher

** Article and sports analogy contributed by Katherine Thornburgh*

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Membership Application or Renewal

September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019

Circle One

Name (please print).....

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TOTAL (A + B) \$_____

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

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