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Upcoming Events

NOW! You can still register for the 25th Annual Summer Seminar for Language Teachers in Santa Barbara. July 18-23! Go to <http://clta.net/summer/>

Watch your email for information about the FLAGS Fall Member Reception and other important fall dates!

ACTFL Conference 2014: Nov. 20-23, San Antonio, TX (See pg. 4 in this issue for more information!)

CLTA Conference 2015: March 5-8, SACRAMENTO! (See pg. 4 in this issue for more information!)

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ENGLISH, Oh English!

This poem has made its way around the web lately, perpetuated especially through facebook and other social media outlets. Try to read it out loud on your own - then think about applications for your students.

<http://www.tickld.com/x/90-of-people-cant-pronounce-this-whole-poem>



The President's Perch:

Happy Summer 2014!

Hello FLAGS Members and Colleagues!

It is hard to believe that we are already in the midst of our Summer Vacations, though the heat serves as a steady reminder! We hope that you are taking advantage of this time to rejuvenate your interests and passions in and out of school.

Speaking of inspirational, The California Language Teachers' Association and the California World Language Project have once again teamed up to bring you the annual Summer Seminar for Language Teachers at UC Santa Barbara. And this year, there are more strands than ever from which to choose. Something is sure to resonate with you and ignite your passion, and you'll spend time in the company of other energetic, inspiring language educators like yourself, add contacts to your social networks - all in a setting on a beach-side lagoon with easy coastal access to unwind at the end of the day or to start your day off with a brisk walk or jog. **This incredible event is only 2 weeks away, but there is still time to register! Go to <http://clta.net/summer/> for information and find the Registration Link in the middle of the page. Don't miss this opportunity!!!**

I hope to see you in person at the Summer Seminar, but above all, congratulations on another successful year. Keep an eye on our web site (<http://www.flagsteacher.com>) in late August to learn of our events for FLAGS members for 2014-2015.

Bonnes vacances

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MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE!

IMPORTANT! It is nearly time to renew your CLTA and FLAGS Memberships! We will be sending out membership information and forms with our Fall, 2014 Issue of the FlagsPole Newsletter!

Reminders:

- ◆ Registration runs from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.
- ◆ FLAGS & CLTA membership allow you reduced rates into many conferences and workshops throughout the year.
- ◆ Your membership includes grant opportunities, free admission to certain special events and instant updates on important issues in the teaching profession.
- ◆ You can join us at the FREE fall member reception - stay tuned for the location and date!
- ◆ FLAGS is hosting the 2015 CLTA Conference! You don't want to miss this landmark event, and FLAGS & CLTA Membership ensures you receive timely updates for key deadlines as March, 2015 approaches!

Sincerely,

Evelyn

FLAGS Membership Chair

Nicole Naditz is SW COLT's (Southwest Conference on Language Teaching) Teacher of the Year!

CLTA'S NICOLE NADITZ WINS SWCOLT TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

[Re-posted from CLTA Website post, ([May 12, 2014](#))]

Every spring, CLTA and other state language organizations from our Southwestern Region send one candidate to compete in the Teacher of the Year (TOY) program in the Southwest Conference on Language Teaching (SWCOLT). World Language teachers from Hawaii, California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Texas and Oklahoma created a portfolio and were interviewed at the Conference, which took place at Snowbird, Utah from April 24-26, [2014].

FLAGS and CLTA are proud to tell you that the winner of the TOY competition was CLTA's candidate Nicole Naditz, a French teacher at Bella Vista High School in Fair Oaks (Sacramento County). Nicole has been a generous contributor and presenter in her local affiliate (FLAGS), world language project (CAPWLP) and CLTA. She represents the best qualities of a World Language teaching professional. Congratulations to Nicole!



It is worth mentioning that Nicole will be competing as SWCOLT's nominee for ACTFL's national Teacher of the Year this November. ACTFL has been awarding the Teacher of the Year honor to outstanding teachers for the past 10 years. During those 10 years, 4 winners have represented SWCOLT, 2 of these winners have been members of CLTA, and the 2007 national Teacher of the Year is our own Christine Lanphere. We are surrounded by excellence in World Languages teaching here in California! (When you have the opportunity to learn from these incredible educators, jump on it! Everyone benefits!)

The 2014 Annual Student Awards Breakfast...



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The 2014 Student Awards breakfast was truly without precedent, and wonderful for students, families and teachers! It was also a great example of taking a potential disaster and delivering an amazing experience!

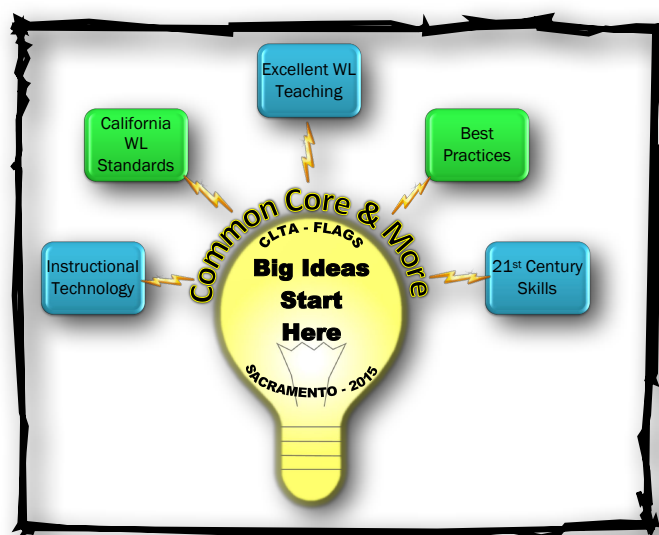
In spite of a long-standing reservation from our Events Chair, Inga, including her "check-in" call a week ahead of time, Denny's (where the event was scheduled), failed to let us know that the particular restaurant where we were scheduled to meet was under renovation and completely out of commission.

Fortunately, our very flexible and adept board jumped on the issue and found the nearby diner, Annie's Breakfast, (with better food!), where we were able to host the breakfast at a moment's notice.

Once we were settled, we had a wonderful time to chat with each other and the students and families we were honoring, as well as acknowledge the students' very tremendous accomplishments in World Languages. Additionally, students and families had a perfect opportunity to learn about not only achievements in the language they were studying, but also about achievements by students in other languages. One family commented that their 7th-grade son was so inspired that he committed to studying languages throughout high school and using languages long-term to improve his opportunities as a future engineer!

FLAGS would like to thank all of the teachers, students and families who made this event possible, and invite all FLAGS members to keep an eye out for details on the 2015 Annual Student

2014-2015 Conference Planning!	ACTFL 2014	CLTA 2015	ACTFL 2015
	SAN ANTONIO, TX NOVEMBER 20-23, 2014	SACRAMENTO, CA MARCH 13-16, 2015	SAN DIEGO, CA NOVEMBER 19-22, 2014



Mark Your Calendars Now!!!

FLAGS is hosting the Annual CLTA Conference in March, 2015!

BIG IDEAS START HERE!

Mark your Calendars: March 5-8, 2015. Double Tree, Sacramento

To be part of our fantastic event, contact our Events Chair, Inga Templeton at vicepresident@flagsteacher.com

Keep your eyes open for details about ACTFL's 2015 campaign, *Lead with Languages*. To view the *Lead with Languages* PSA, please visit <http://www.leadwithlanguages.org>