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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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LOOK FOR QR CODES AT THE CONFERENCE!!

NEED INFO ABOUT A CONFERENCE
SESSION? USE YOUR PHONE OR
PERSONAL DEVICE TO "READ" THE
CODES AND GET THE INFO YOU
NEED!

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**It's ALMOST
here!!!
The 2015
CLTA World
Languages
Conference
in
Sacramento
is
NEXT
MONTH!
Be sure your
calendars
are marked
for March
5-8, 2015 at
the Double
Tree by Hilton
in
Sacramento.**



The President's Perch

Welcome to 2015!

I certainly hope that the holidays provided each of you with just the right mix of rest and fun so you could return to the school year rejuvenated.

Although Early Bird registration for CLTA has ended, there is still time to register for the conference and you don't want to miss it. CLTA is one of the only state-wide language teacher conferences in the country and the number of sessions presented rivals the multi-state regional conferences! And, for the first time in many years, CLTA is right here in Sacramento. So whether this would be your first time going or your 20th (or more!) you will want to be learning alongside all of your friends in the language teaching community when CLTA comes to Sacramento March 5-8. Program and registration are available at <http://clta.net/conference/>.

I'd like to also extend my thanks on behalf of the entire FLAGS board to all of you who have answered our call for volunteers to help at the conference. The response has been wonderful. We are so grateful for your support, which is instrumental to making the conference a great experience for all of our guests coming from all over the state and even out of state. Thank you all!

Keep an eye out for more wonderful professional learning experiences for world language teachers as well: the Capital World Language Project will open registration for their Summer Institute later this spring and the California World Language Project and CLTA will be hosting the Santa Barbara Summer Seminar again this year, with registration beginning this spring as well. We will post information on our FLAGS Web site (<http://www.flagsteacher.com>) and on our Facebook page.

Speaking of where we post information, have you been to the FLAGS Web site or our Facebook page recently? The web site has advocacy and teaching resources for you as well as information regarding our events and for nominating a colleague for an award recognizing their great work and service. And the Facebook page helps us quickly send the latest news out to members and also provides all of you with an easy way to reach us. So click on over and check out our virtual presence.

All the best,

Nicole

AND THE WINNER IS...NICOLE NADITZ!!!



California Rocks ACTFL 2014...Again!

Everyone knows everything is big in Texas, but at the ACTFL 2014 Convention in San Antonio on November 21, nothing was bigger than the anticipation among the California contingent. More than 20 CLTA members (including many from FLAGS) sat together at the Opening General Session (and many more were in the room of more than 3000 Convention attendees), eagerly awaiting the introduction of the five Regional Finalists for ACTFL National Language Teacher of the Year and the announcement of the 2015 TOY.

Representing CLTA and SWCOLT in the competition was Nicole Naditz, President of FLAGS. Nicole was required to prepare an extensive online portfolio highlighting her teaching philosophy and practices, analyzing samples of her students' work, and outlining her many professional activities, including professional presentations and advocacy. She also interviewed with the ACTFL

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ACTFL, 2015 TEACHER OF THE YEAR, NICOLE NADITZ!!!

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Teacher of the Year Selection Committee, which included questions about her professional practice and a formal speech to an audience outside the language teaching profession on a topic of national language policy.

After each candidate was introduced, ACTFL President Mary Lynn Redmond dramatically opened the envelope and announced the name of the 2015 ACTFL National Language Teacher of the Year: Nicole Naditz! At that point, the California rows were on their feet and screaming. I was trying to capture a photo of the moment and then realized I was experiencing a localized earthquake. While expected for California, we were in Texas, so I looked around and saw, among others, CWLP Executive Director Duarte Silva jumping up and down in celebration. Apparently, it was happening up and down the row because observers sitting behind our colleagues at the other end of the row commented on the “earthquake”!

Nicole is California’s third ACTFL TOY, along with myself (2007) and Yo Azama (2012). She is also the 10th ACTFL TOY, marking an important milestone for this amazing program which has honored 50 outstanding teacher leaders across the country. Many have gone on to important leadership roles in their states and regions.

As ACTFL 2015 Teacher of the Year, Nicole will be the national spokesperson for ACTFL on issues of language policy. She will travel to regional conferences (SWCOLT, SCOLT, and CSCTFL) to present on her teaching practice and will also attend the Language Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C., in May, where she will have the opportunity to meet with California Congressional representatives to discuss language education policy.

FLAGS and CLTA are extremely proud of your many accomplishments, Nicole, and congratulations on becoming ACTFL 2015 National Language Teacher of the Year! We wish you a fantastic year.

By Christine Lanphere

BTW, have you heard? Don Doehla is chosen to represent California in the upcoming SWCOLT Regional Teacher of the Year competition (and maybe on to ACTFL!)

Life is for Service.

(Fred Rogers)

**Looking for
opportunities to Get
MORE INVOLVED in
the 2015 CLTA
Conference?**

**WE STILL NEED
FLAGS MEMBERS!**

As the hosts of the CLTA Conference this year (2015) in Sacramento, we are asking for people to help out on the various committees. Please check them out and see how you can help make this a fantastic conference! Check out this list to see how you can assist:

- A/V
- Hospitality
- Local Registration
- Evaluations
- Presiders

We also need presiders for Thursday and Friday workshops. Please note that if you want to preside, you may only preside for a workshop for which you are registered. (Pre-Conference workshops dates are March 5 & 6. Conference dates are March 7 & 8.)

**To become part of the
Conference Team for 2015,
email Tanya Zaccone at
tzaccone@gmail.com**

Common Core & More...Big Ideas Start Here! (CLTA Conference, 2015)

CLTA CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO 2015!

Yes! It's in Sacramento! All FLAGS members and their colleagues will want to attend! And help! We are the Local Host, and "we" means "you!" You probably received your brochure already (thanks to the volunteers who closed, stamped and labeled the brochures), but here is a summary:

WHO: Language Teachers across California, and beyond - **INCLUDING YOU!**

WHAT: Common Core & More: Big Ideas Start Here

WHEN: March 7-8, 2015, (pre-Conference workshops March 5-6)

WHERE: DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815, (916) 929-8855

WHAT TO DO CHECKLIST:

- ✓ Reserve March 5-8, 2015 on your calendar
- ✓ Request funding and a substitute teacher
- ✓ Reserve the hotel room
- ✓ Register by December 31, 2014 for best prices
- ✓ Tell a language colleague

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU!:

- Enjoy one or more of 30 pre-Conference workshops!
- Enjoy 100 interest sessions exploring an array of topics including CCSS, technology, Standards-based instruction, integrating culture, assessment strategies and more!
- Online registration available with credit card – go to www.clta.net
- Registration Deadline: Feb 21, 2015
- Sunday Brunch Speaker, 2015 ACTFL Teacher of the Year, Nicole Naditz; (Nicole is also the 2012 Sacramento County Teacher of the Year and the 2014 SWCOLT Speaker of the Year). **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!**
- Two chances to win a Trip to Europe, (*provided by ACIS*)

MORE KEY INFORMATION FOR YOU:

- Conference Coordinator: Paula Hirsch
phirsch@windwardschool.org
- Local Conference Chair: Tanya Zaccone tzaccone@gmail.com;
(please contact Tanya to volunteer to help!)

Got Membership?

CLTA MEMBERSHIP - WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

DID YOU KNOW there are many benefits to becoming a member of CLTA? You can earn reduced rates for Conferences, AND we now have joined with other members of SWCOLT to present webinars that are free to members. Additionally, your membership supports Advocacy Outreach and Professional Development through annual Conference, Summer Seminar and other venues.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE! You get the inside track on awards and grants, excellent rates for adult background checks through CLTA insurance, and for affiliates who host Language Camps satisfaction in knowing you are a part of the California professional association for world language and culture educators and much more

IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER of CLTA, thank you for supporting your professional organization; if not, you are invited to become a part of the state's professional organization for language teachers, which ultimately affects our state's learners in the most positive of ways. There are many more benefits in addition to these listed, and we hope you choose to be a part of CLTA!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please consult the CLTA website at clta.net

Sincerely,

Tanya

Tanya Zaccone

Local CLTA Conference Chair
FLAGS, At-Large Member

Greetings to our FLAGS Members, and a HUGE WELCOME to all of our new members!!!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at CLTA next month, Please keep an eye on <http://clta.net/conference/> for updates as we get closer! We are looking forward to a fantastic conference here in Sacramento! (If you are still waiting to register, it's time to jump into action! Visit <https://www.tfaforms.com/338336> so you are ready come March 5!

We also wanted to remind you that if you had been a current (2014) FLAGS member, your membership will now need to be renewed for the first 8 months of 2015, (through August 31). We will then be transitioning to a full academic year membership system in which renewal will take place every year in September. This begins this September 1, 2015, and your prorated FLAGS membership from now through Aug. 31 is ONLY \$15.

Also, for this transitional period FLAGS is again offering a BOGO deal, buy one get one free! Yes, you can sign up yourself and a colleague for only \$15. Membership dues for part-time teachers are \$10; \$5 for full-time students and retirees.

So, what's in it for you?!?! 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.

Finally, while you're renewing or joining FLAGS for the first time, think about renewing or becoming a member of our mother Association – CLTA. Membership in CLTA will get you reduced rates to the annual CLTA conference coming to Sacramento in March, 2015.

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>

Sincerely,

Evelyn

Evelyn Bejarano

FLAGS Membership Chair, Retired Spanish & French

Events You Should Ink in your Calendar!

**Feb 26-28, 2015 - SWCOLT
Conference -Colorado**

**Thursday, March 5-
Sunday, March 8, 2015 -
CLTA ANNUAL
CONVENTION in
Sacramento! More
information can be found
at <http://clta.net>**

**Saturday, April, 25, 2015 -
Student Awards Breakfast,
8:30-10:30 a.m., Annie's
Breakfast and
Steaks, 8800 Greenback
Ln, Orangevale, CA 95662.
Invitation to provide to
student: coming in early
spring 2015! All FLAGS
Members may participate!
(See sidebar on this page
for more information!)**

**Fri., July 17-Weds., July 22
SUMMER SEMINAR in
Santa Barbara! Watch for
additional details in our
Spring 2015 Issue of the
FLAGS Pole!**

**November 20-22, 2015 The
ACTFL Annual Conference
is returning to San Diego!**

**March 16-20, 2016
CLTA Conference Visalia**

The FLAGS Annual Awards Breakfast

LET'S DO BREAKFAST!!!

**(Keep reading to learn more about the 2015
Annual Student Awards Breakfast!)**

**FLAGS is hosting our 18th Annual Student Awards
Breakfast on Saturday, April 25, 2015.**

**This is your opportunity to honor that amazing
student you are so excited to recognize!!!**

**You are invited to nominate one of your students,
(who may come with two guests). All you have to
do is email your nomination to the awards chair
Inga Templeton, ingatempleton@sbcglobal.net,
and join us on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from
8:30-10:30 AM to honor your special student and
enjoy a complimentary breakfast.**

**Students will receive an award of your choice and
a gift card. Space is limited! Don't miss out on this
wonderful event to show your appreciation to
your students.**

**The FLAGS Annual Student Awards Breakfast will
take place at Annie's Breakfast and Steaks at
8800 Greenback Ln in Orangevale, CA.**

**For more information and a downloadable
invitation go to our FLAGS website, [http://
www.flagsteacher.com/events](http://www.flagsteacher.com/events)**

FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER SACRAMENTO
(A regional affiliate of the California Language Teachers Association)
Membership Application or Renewal

FLAGS: January 1, 2015 - August 31, 2015 [CLTA: Sep 1, 2014-Aug 31, 2015]

Circle One

Name (please print)

New Renewal

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* (\$15 Regular & BOGO; \$10 Student; \$5 Retiree) \$_____ (A)

☐ I'm doing BOGO with _____ (first & last name)
(both BOGO members must complete separate forms)

CLTA dues (\$45 Regular; \$35 Student or Retiree) \$_____ (B)

TOTAL (A + B) \$_____

(A) If paying FLAGS dues only (including BOGO), 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 (but NOT BOGO), 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)

CLTA Membership
8822 Woodman Way
Sacramento, CA 95826

Please note: **FLAGS Dues** are prorated for 2015 only to bring our membership year into alignment with CLTA's.

