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President's Message

Shauna Winegar UFLA President

German Teacher
Mountain Crest High School



This has been an exciting year for UFLA. We have worked hard to provide our membership with as many benefits as possible to help further the promotion of language study in our state. As the school year comes to a close, let's recap what our organization has accomplished.

Our annual business meeting was held in October and thanks to the hard work and generosity of our state World Language Specialist, Gregg Roberts, one hundred and fifty teachers who attended our meeting received free registration to SWCOLT. At this meeting we honored Marilyn Anderson as our Teacher of the Year. Marilyn went on to represent us well at SWCOLT. We have dedicated, talented and excellent teachers in Utah! It is our privilege to honor them.

In February, UFLA welcomed SWCOLT to Salt Lake City. Our Utah teachers not only supported in attendance, but provided many of the workshops and sessions that made the conference successful. Many of you willingly volunteered your time and talents to help in the hosting of this conference and I wish to thank each of you for your efforts. The conference entertainment also showcased some amazing talents of our own Utah students and it was gratifying to see the dedication and passion of the teachers working behind the scenes to provide these students the opportunity to practice and showcase their talents. We can be proud of a job well done for SWCOLT!

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This year we began what we hope to be a strong tradition with our annual poster contest. We awarded cash prizes to the student winners, and each winner's school received \$150 for their foreign language programs. The posters were displayed at SWCOLT and voted on by conference attendees. Thanks to those of you who participated, the posters were phenomenal and I hope it was a great way to involve students in showcasing foreign language at your schools! I invite all of you to check our UFLA website for the contest theme and rules for our 2008-09 contest. (Also, please see page 4 of this newsletter.)

We also awarded the Teacher Vitality and the Pat Buckner Collaboration awards. These awards send money directly back to you, the members, as you set goals to improve your own teaching through research and study and as you complete projects that directly impact your schools and departments. Congratulations to our winners. (Please see page 3 of this newsletter.)

(Please find the continuation of this message on page 8 of this newsletter.)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

STARTALK Full-Tuition Scholarships

Teachers of Arabic or Chinese can attend a four-credit graduate course on content-based instruction for language classrooms. A STARTALK grant awarded to Concordia Language Villages as part of the National Security Language Initiative covers full tuition; participants pay only room and board.
<http://clvweb.cord.edu/prweb/educators/startalk.asp>

Master of Education in World Language Instruction

An innovative mix of online learning and on-site classes and observations at Concordia Language Villages, this program offers the flexibility educators need. Combining theory with practice, you will “live the Language Villages experience” and find new ways to make language come alive for your students. Both the STARTALK and the teacher seminars courses count toward this degree. www.cord.edu/academic/graduate.php



Teacher Seminars for Graduate Credit

Educators of all world languages from across the United States learn about and discuss current practices in instruction and assessment related to second language and immersion methodologies. This four-credit graduate course takes place June 22 – July 2, in Bemidji, Minnesota. You will observe and participate in activities at Concordia Language Villages, a summer language and culture immersion program for young people between the ages of 7 and 18. See theory in action! www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org/educators/teacher_seminar.asp



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UFLA AWARDS

The Pat Buckner Award for Collaboration in Teaching 2008

Micah Wheatley, Paula Suarez and Kathy Schlendorf, teachers at Centennial Middle School in Provo, Utah, are recipients of the **Pat Buckner Award for Collaboration in Teaching**. They have used their cash award to purchase a camcorder for their department.

At Centennial Middle School, grades seven and eight have an evolving foreign language program in Spanish (Paula Suarez), French (Kathy Schlendorf) and German (Micah Wheatley). Introductory level classes have been changed from year-long to semester. This has resulted in a higher level of student participation in introductory classes. A major emphasis is placed on the spoken language at this level. They plan to use their new camcorder to record student oral activities and projects. The recordings will then be used to give students feedback on pronunciation, grammar and word choice.

UFLA extends congratulations to Micah, Paula and Kathy, and we anticipate hearing about their recorded projects at our conference in November.

UFLA Teacher Vitality Award 2008

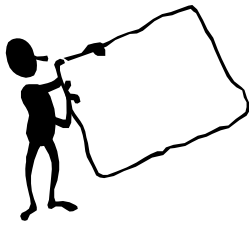
Michael Wood, French teacher at Timberline Middle School in Alpine, Utah, is this year's recipient of the **Teacher Vitality Award**. Michael plans to use his award to attend the National TPRS Conference in Minneapolis this summer.

Michael started using TPRS in his classroom this year after enrolling in a TPRS workshop with Blaine Ray. He has seen a great improvement in his students' ability to speak, understand and read French since implementing this technique. Attending the national conference will give Michael more extensive training and understanding of TPRS, which in turn will be a benefit to his students. He plans to share some of his techniques with his UFLA colleagues at our annual conference.

Michael has been an active member of UFLA since starting his teaching career, and we all extend our congratulations to him.

UFLA grants up to three Teacher Vitality Awards, ranging from \$500 - \$1000, each year, for the purpose of research, study, workshops, or projects for improving the quality of teaching. UFLA also grants one \$500 Pat Buckner Award for Collaboration in Teaching each year, to facilitate collaboration between two or more language teachers in the same department or school, or in different schools or districts or across the state.

For more information and applications
please go to www.weber.edu/ufla and click on "Awards and Grants."



2nd Annual UFLA Poster Contest

Thanks to all of the teachers and students who submitted over 25 fabulous posters last winter. The contest was a great success.

This fall, in conjunction with our Annual Meeting on November 6, 2008, at Weber State University, UFLA will hold the Second Annual Poster Contest.

Copies of the past winning poster will be given to all conference attendees.

The first place poster in 2008 will win \$250 and second place will win \$150. In response to requests last February, we will award the best K-6 poster \$50.

In addition, the schools of each winning poster will receive \$150 for their foreign language programs.

The rules and entry form are available at the UFLA website (www.weber.edu/ufla). Participating students must be enrolled in school during the 2008-09 year. Teachers who submit posters must be members of UFLA.

News from the UFLA Board

1. Senate Bill 41 – International Education Initiative Critical Languages Program – was recently signed into law, to take effect July 1, 2008. See <http://le.utah.gov/~2008/bills/sbillenr/sb0041.htm>
2. Chinese is booming across the state.
3. WSU has prospering business language programs and is in collaboration with other universities who offer such programs.
4. BYU is offering a new program for a bi-lingual endorsement for teachers in immersion and bi-lingual programs.
5. UVU will be hosting a group of CEOs from Spain in the fall, has a working Business Spanish program, and is looking to implement a Medical Spanish program.
6. The U of U has a new WL Masters program up and running which includes certification. They have also received a grant of \$750,000 for three years to teach ROTC students critical need languages.
7. The USOE is going to be implementing dual-language programs to introduce French and German in the elementary schools.
8. The USOE reports that the Regents Scholarship now includes a language requirement; a K-16 language council is being created to discuss language policy for the state; and ASL is now a world language and is no longer counted as a CTE class.

Summer Programs for Teachers

See pages 5, 6, and 7

BYU SUMMER INSTITUTE IN SPAIN

2 openings available for this year BYU Summer Institute in Spain (June 16th to July 27th)

**One week of classes at BYU- Provo campus and 5 weeks in Spain.
Get 9 credits of graduate work!!**

Sponsored by BYU and USOE to help reduce the cost to teachers so these courses and trip are a **great deal!!**

Questions or concerns? Please don't hesitate to contact us.

Dr. Alan Meredith (RAM@byu.edu) & Dr. Nieves Pérez Knapp (knapp@byu.edu)

BYU SUMMER WORKSHOP

Designed for Spanish teachers in K-12 schools who want to focus on the teaching of culture from a communicative perspective and current trends in language teaching. **Taught in Spanish**

June 16 – 20, 2008

BYU Campus Spanish Resource Center (164 University Parkway Center - Provo)

Tuition, lunches and materials will be provided at no cost to participants.

3 USOE credits upon successful completion of course

For registration and info, please contact:

Dr. Nieves Pérez Knapp

Tel. (801) 422-3196

Email: knapp@byu.edu



FL teachers are coming and going.

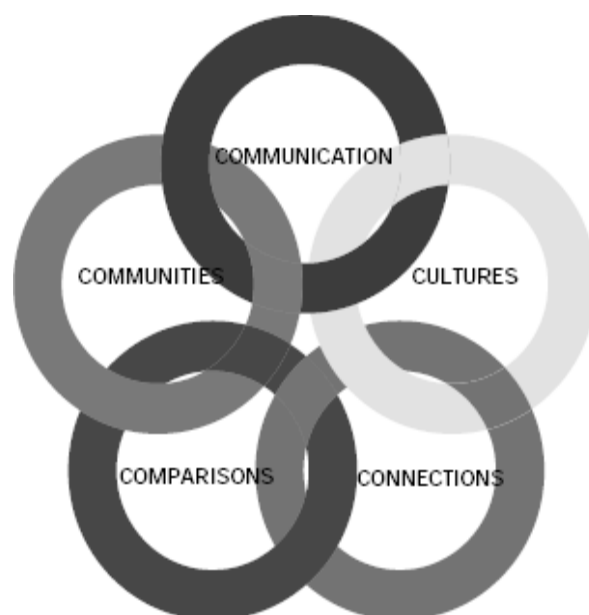


Please help us keep track of them.

If you know which foreign language teachers will be leaving from or coming new to your school, or any other school you know of, for next year, please send their names and the names of their schools to Bev Burdett at uflaburdett@comcast.net. This information helps us keep our mailing lists up-to-date so that we can keep all of our teachers informed about FL happenings.

National Foreign Language
Standards Workshop
A Utah Perspective

Sponsored by Weber State University



June 9-13, 2008
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Weber State University
201 Lampros Hall
Ogden, UT 84408

3 Hours of WSU credit available
for \$30
Licensure Points
Register by May 15, 2008
Limited to 30 participants
Early registration recommended

Registration and workshop
information and registration:
Dr. Cheryl M. Hansen
Weber State University
801-626-7912
cmhansen@weber.edu

National Foreign Language Standards Workshop A Utah Perspective

In this workshop, participants will review the National Standards and will be introduced to the new Utah Standards. The instructors will show ways to teach to the standards, how to develop lesson plans and how to assess students' progress using performance assessment units. Articulation of the National Standards to the Utah State Standards and then to each district will be addressed.

Weber State University professors Dr. Cheryl M. Hansen and Dr. Tom Mathews will teach the workshop classes. The classes will not be language specific, but participants will have an opportunity to do group projects, presentations, and lesson plans in their target languages.

Workshop Schedule

June 9-13, 2008 • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sponsored by the Utah State Office of Education & Weber State University

Location: **Weber State University** • Ogden, UT • 201 Lampros Hall

Instructors:

Dr. Cheryl M. Hansen

Professor of French

(801) 626-7912

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Dr. Tom Mathews

Professor of Spanish

(801) 626-6345

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Text: *Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century* (3rd edition: 2006).

Published by ACTFL (Provided free of charge by USOE).

June 9, Monday

Morning: Overview and introductions

Preliminary discussion of the National Standards

Review of development of Utah Standards

Film: *Standards and the Five C's*

Afternoon: Review of history of language pedagogy

Presentations on each of the National Standards

Assignment of presentations: Activities and PAUs

June 10, Tuesday

Manana: Standard 1: Communication

Tarde: Standard 2: Cultures

June 11, Wednesday

Matin: Standard 3: Connections

Après-midi: Standard 4: Comparisons

June 12, Thursday

Morgen: Standard 5: Communities

Nachmittag: Presentations: Communication & Cultures

June 13, Friday

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Discussion of Progress Indicators for different levels and the Utah Standards

(President's Message – continued from page 1)

The planning for our fall conference is well underway. Our 2008 conference will be held on November 6 at Weber State University. We'll be enjoying state-of-the art facilities in a brand new building! Please consider presenting a session at this conference. You can find the proposal forms in this newsletter (pp. 9-10), as well as on our website at www.weber.edu/ufla. (See below for more info.)

As you can see, UFLA is working hard for YOU. I thank you for your membership and support. If you have in any way benefited from your membership this year, be sure to thank a board member and do what you can to make sure your colleagues are joining. Together we can do great things for foreign language education in Utah! Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Shauna

RURAL SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVE

In the interest of meeting the needs of all foreign language teachers in the state, UFLA has added the position of "Rural Schools Representative" to the board. **Leslie Paterson** of Snow Canyon High School, St. George, has been serving in this new position since our mini-conference in November. Please contact Leslie at lpaterson@washk12.org if you have concerns pertinent to schools outside of the Wasatch Front, or any other items of interest for the board.

UFLA Annual Conference

Thursday
November 6, 2008
Weber State University

The annual conference of the Utah Foreign Language Association will be held in the northern part of the state this year. All language teachers are encouraged to start planning now for transportation, lodging, and substitutes. As the weather is often unpredictable in November, we encourage participants to come up to Ogden on Wednesday night and stay over so that they can arrive safely, bright and early Thursday morning.

The conference will again be a full-day conference, ending at 4:00 p.m., so please make your return plans accordingly.

Gregg Roberts, our World Languages Specialist at the Utah State Office of Education, has once again found a way to cover registration costs for all UFLA members for the November conference. This registration payment will include all general sessions, business meetings, break-out sessions, AAT meetings, and lunch, but will only be available to public school teachers in Utah who have paid their UFLA membership dues of \$15.

More information about registration will be available in the fall UFLA newsletter, so be watching for it! The proposal form for presenting at the conference is on pages 9-10 of this newsletter. Please consider sharing your ideas with your colleagues by presenting a session at this year's conference.

PROPOSAL FORM FOR THE 2008 UFLA CONFERENCE

THEME:

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Thursday, November 6, 2008 – Weber State University

Submission deadline: Wednesday, September 17, 2008 (postmarked)

Name: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Institution: _____

Will you have co-presenters? If so, please list:

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Please indicate the most appropriate target audience(s) for your presentation:

___ Elementary ___ Middle/Jr. High ___ High School

___ College/Univ ___ Admin/Supv ___ All

Please specify which will be the main language used by the presenters in the presentation and on handouts:

___ ASL ___ Chinese ___ English

___ French ___ German ___ Italian

___ Japanese ___ Russian ___ Spanish

___ Other (specify) _____

Please specify the language(s) for which this session will be most applicable:

___ ASL ___ Chinese ___ Classics (Latin/Greek)

___ French ___ German ___ Italian

___ Japanese ___ Russian ___ Spanish

___ Other (specify) _____

___ Applicable to all languages

Please indicate the most applicable category for your presentation:

___ Assessment ___ Culture ___ Curriculum

___ Learner Variables ___ Literature ___ Materials

___ Methods/Techniques ___ Policy/Issues ___ Professional Development

___ Research ___ Technology ___ Other (specify) _____

Please indicate the audio-visual equipment you will need for your presentation.

___ Overhead projector ___ Chalk/White board ___ Cassette player

___ CD player ___ TV/VCR/DVD combo ___ LCD

(Please note: All presentations are scheduled in smart rooms, but any non-standard software will have to be provided by presenters.)

Send proposals to:

Fernando Rubio, Co-chair

**Department of Languages &
Literature**

University of Utah

255 S. Central Campus Dr. Rm. 1400

Salt Lake City, Utah. 84112

Please create a title for your presentation, approximately 15 words long:

Please write a short description of your presentation (approximately 75 words,) as you would like it written in the program:

Please describe in detail in the space below: (1) the content of the presentation, (2) the method of presentation, and (3) the benefits to the participants. Please type in English.

Miscellany



The Intermountain Association of Teachers of Japanese will be hosting a workshop on Friday, October 24, from 9-5 at a venue yet to be announced.

Professor Hiroko Kataoka from Cal State, Long Beach, the recipient of The 2007 ACTFL Florence Steiner Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education, Postsecondary, is coming to lead the workshop in Salt Lake City. You can read more about Professor Kataoka at <http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4826>. More information will be available in the fall.

Opening Minds to the World Through Languages



Annual Convention and World Languages Expo

ACTFL 2008
Annual Convention and World
Languages Expo

November 21-23, 2008
Pre-convention Workshops – November 20,
2008
Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort
Orlando, Florida

SWCOLT

Language Cultivated

Norman, Oklahoma

April 2 - 4, 2009

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SWCOLT and the Oklahoma Foreign Language Teachers Association solicit proposals on foreign language teaching and learning for our conference.

Concurrent sessions (60 minutes)

Half-day workshops (3 hours)

Full-day workshops (6 hours)

Proposals due: October 1, 2008

Submit proposals at www.SWCOLT.org

Questions to Paul M. Chandler
c2paul@hotmail.com

Exhibitors please contact:
SWCOLT Executive Director
Jody Klopp: jklopp@cox.net

Southwest Conference on Language Teaching

A copy of this newsletter, along with other information about UFLA, can be found at the UFLA website: www.weber.edu/ufla.

Please share this information with other foreign language teachers and invite them to become full participants in the Utah Foreign Language Association.



Enjoy!

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