New Year Opportunities

DLI In A Day Professional Learning
GaDOE World Languages is proud to partner with the GLOBE ACADEMY in Dekalb to offer the next DLI In A Day workshop opportunity. This DLI training will take place on Saturday, Jan 25th from 8:30 – 12pm. Register for this free conference via this link. You can see an updated agenda via this link.

DLI English Partner Teacher Workshop
The 1st Georgia DLI English Partner Teacher Training Workshop has been scheduled to take place on Saturday, Feb 1st at Nickajack Elementary School in Cobb County beginning at 8:30am. The event is free. Please consider submitting a proposal via this link. Registration is free via this link!

Save the Date!
Ga's statewide World Language/Bilingual Job Fair will be held in Atlanta on Saturday, Feb 8th! Register free to attend and receive updates via this link! This year's event will take place at North Atlanta High School from 9am—12pm. Over 35 Systems and/or schools will be attending and looking to hire bilingual/world language talent for the 2020-2021 school year.

2020 GA WL Online PD Series
On January 30th beginning at 7pm, we will begin our 2020 Ga WL Online PD Series with a webinar from Ms. Ferris, Former WL Educator of the Month and Spanish teacher at North Springs HS in Fulton County. You can register for the webinar free via this link. A reminder, of the archived webinars on our professional development page here.

Don't receive these updates but want to?
Send us a request at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us

World Language Advancement and Readiness Grant Program is signed into law
The President & Congress have approved a new K-12 World Language Grant Program in 2020. "Our nation's economic competitiveness & national security depends on strong language programs." Read more via this link!

The world language events calendar has been updated and you can see the latest version here.

Webinar with the GaPSC
GaDOE World Languages is partnering with the Georgia Professional Standards Commission to offer a webinar on Thursday, Jan 16th beginning at 4:30pm for those wishing to learn more about the routes to becoming a certified WL teacher in Ga. You can register via this link.

Okefenokee RESA Workshop
GaDOE World Languages will be leading a workshop on Tuesday, January 14th at the Okefenokee RESA in Waycross Ga. You can find out more about this workshop and register via this link.

Competitive DLI Grants now Open
The Georgia Department of Education World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives, in partnership with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education, is again pleased to offer competitive grants to support Georgia's Dual Language Immersion programs. The Grants application period ends March 2, 2020. The 2020 Grant application can be found on our GaDOE Dual Language Immersion Initiative page via this link.

Global Officer Program Scholarships
Project Global Officer (Project GO) is a Department of Defense initiative aimed at improving the language skills, regional expertise, and intercultural communication skills of future military officers. Sponsored by the Defense Language and National Security Education Office and administered by the Institute of International Education. Since 2007, Project GO institutions have provided over 5,600 domestic and overseas summer scholarships to ROTC students for critical language study. Find out more via this link.
World Language News

Combining Art & Language
Before the break, Frau Drury, one of Georgia’s excellent German teachers, who teaches at Harrison HS in Cobb had her students participate in a Berlin Graffiti Art Project. A former student and local artist, Oji Miller-Fernandes, helped the students recreate the East Side Gallery in Berlin. A great interdisciplinary project for kids!

Students take virtual visit to Spain
Mrs. Wyatt, Spanish Teacher at Thomas County High School recently took her students on a virtual visit to Spain where they visited the “La Sagrada Familia” a famous Barcelona Cathedral. This is just one of many ways that technology is impacting the instruction of World Languages in Ga. For more information about google cardboard visit this link.

Upcoming Conferences
The Annual Foreign Language Association of Georgia (FLAG) Conference will be held March 6-7 at the Renaissance Hotel in Atlanta. The deadline for early registration is Feb 1st. Find out more via this link.

The Southern Conference on Language Teaching (SCOLT) will be held March 26-28 in Mobile Alabama. Register by March 1st via this link.

Moving forward

AATG Georgia State German Convention
The AATG Georgia State German Convention will be held on Friday Jan 31st – Feb 1st at the FFA-FCCLA Center (Camp Jackson) For more information please visit their website via this link.

Goethe Frühlingsfest Art Competition
The Goethe-Zentrum Atlanta is hosting Frühlingfest March 21st in the city of Avondale Estates. As part of the celebration, they are hosting a student art competition. Find out more via this link.

Language Industry and Education Summit
The 2nd Georgia Language Industry and Education Summit will take place on February 6th. This 2nd meeting will focus on understanding and expanding current pilot programs to further enhance the articulation of language talent K-workforce.

Online WL Professional Development
A reminder that GaDOE World Languages has 3 online courses designed to introduce world language teachers and administrators to the NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements. You can find out more about them and other PD opportunities on our Professional Development page linked here. We also have several previously archived PD recordings from Georgia WL Educators of the Month. Check out these via the links below!

- Best Practices in Immersion Education - Mrs. Radu
- Performance, Proficiency and -The Modes - Baby Steps - Mrs. White
- Tips for the Spanish Classroom

A wonderful first meeting at the Japanese Consulate of Atlanta with Mrs. Yasuda, Consul for Cultural Affairs, and her team. Great things ahead to support the growing bridge of cooperation and friendship between Georgia and Japan
Resources & Links

- The Benefits of Dual Language Programs for Early Learners
- The US should strengthen Bilingual Education.
- Gwinnett County Schools seeking bilingual employees
- Why learning languages early jumpstarts a child’s education

Congratulations to Mrs. Wilson at North Clayton High School as the January World Language Educator of the Month. Congratulations and thank you to all Ga’s inspiring teachers.

Useful Links

Want to receive this update via email?
Please reach out us as pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us

- GaDOE World Language Calendar
- Nominate a colleague for the World Language Educator of the Month
- Consider contributing a THRIVE Video with CULTR
- Register for this year’s FLAG Conference
- Register for this year’s SCOLT Conference
- Mississippi becomes latest state to pass Seal of Biliteracy
- Georgia Seal of Biliteracy
- Georgia International Skills Diploma Seal
- Georgia’s Dual Language Immersion Initiative
- ACTFL Call for Proposals
- DLI Dashboard.

Looking Ahead

Mark your Calendars!
See our updated calendar here.

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