

Good afternoon world language professionals!

Let me start this update by saying how incredibly proud I am to serve alongside all of you! These updates seem to be getting longer (and I apologize in advance for that) but it is only because of all the fantastic things, events, workshops, opportunities, trips, etc. that all of you are engaged in throughout the state. When I first began this journey a little over 21 months ago, I set out with the goal of creating better synergy and transparency at all levels as I fundamentally believe that by doing this we will open the door to more collaborations and partnerships which will benefit our various organizations, institutions, schools and ultimately our students and the citizens of Georgia. Everywhere I turn, I see this in evidence and I know that it is because of all the talented, passionate and hard-working individuals across our state who serve our communities. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I'm inspired by your efforts, passions, dedication and service to Georgia's communities and students!

A Reminder: These updates are archived on the bottom of our professional development page [here](#) and the calendar has been updated below.

- Looking for a job? – Be sure to check out our openings listed later in the update.

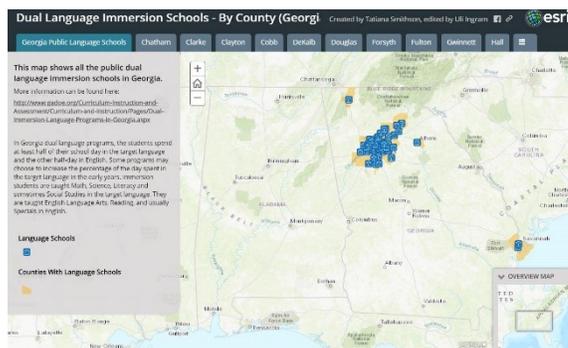
- If you missed the 2018 World Language Collaborative Unconference in Savannah, you can still access the documents that were shared [via this link](#). Thank you to Dr. Linsky (SCCPSS) and Dr. Karchner and Dr. Amarie from Ga Southern for all their work in putting it on! Great event and good turnout!



*The Unconference in Savannah was a great success! Thanks to our participants and partners!*

- This Saturday, we will be in Pickens County for the first Pickens County World Language Fall Forum! [Here you can find a link to the program](#). Registration is open and [free via this link](#)! [Here is a link to the flyer](#)! Fall is in the air...and world language is on the move!
- Did you know there is a new DLI Dashboard available that shows you the locations of all of Georgia's growing DLI programs. [Follow this link to see it](#). Many thanks to our friends at KSU for putting it together for us!

- The Georgia Department of Education World Languages in partnership with the [Georgia Foundation for Public Education](#) is once again pleased to provide a limited number of competitive grants available to Georgia Dual Language Immersion Programs. The application is below. The deadline to apply is March 2nd, 2019. [The application and rubric are available on our website here](#).



- Looking for a way to support Dual Language Immersion Programs in Georgia? Consider donating [by following this link](#) and be sure to designate your donation towards Dual Language Immersion. These funds support grants to DLI programs in Georgia!
- IB Programs are on the rise in Georgia. Our friends from [CASIE](#) have recently published a report on IB programs in Ga which you can find on our [professional development website here](#).
- Did you know that UGA is 1 of only 6 Russian Flagship programs in the USA! [They are seeking a program coordinator](#). Here is a [link to the announcement](#).
- We are excited about the work that our new K-16 Articulation Team is doing to help tie our work

## K-16 Articulation Team



The Georgia Department of Education World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives, in partnership with the GaDOE World Language University & College Advisory Board, is proud to announce the formation of a K-16 World Language Articulation Team. The team will meet regularly online and focus this year on developing guidance on best practices regarding the articulation of programs and on teacher training and recruitment.

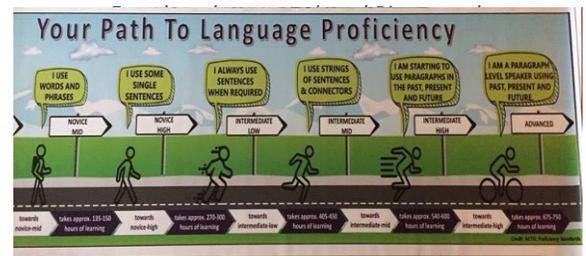


together at all levels. Greater synergy of communication and effort will benefit Georgia's students and help in the creation of more opportunities for all. Thank you to all our partners for joining us in this important work!

- The new Atlanta Global Studies Center is seeking an Associate Director. [Job announcement here.](#) Here is a link to a [recent story on this great partnership!](#)
- We will be at the Okefenokee RESA on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. [Here is a link to sign up!](#) Looking forward to sharing with our teachers in SE Ga.
- Does your High School offer the International Skills Diploma Seal? If not, we encourage your school to consider making an application to join this growing program and recognize your students who have demonstrated an international focus in their studies! You can find out more by [visiting our ISDS Webpage.](#) The deadline to apply is December 15<sup>th</sup>! Reach out to us if you have any questions!
- We have created an online PLC community for World Language teachers via EdWeb here: [www.edweb.net/gadoeworldlang](http://www.edweb.net/gadoeworldlang) I invite you to join and connect with other world language teachers in Georgia. I have created a number of discussion boards there including one for introductions. Feel free to share! Let's stay connected and informed.
- We are pleased to now offer our Guidance at a Glance Document for Ga World Language Teacher Certification in Spanish! Special thanks to APS ESOL/World Languages for their help! [You can find the document available here.](#)
- The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program is a great way for students to spend a year abroad in Germany. [Deadline to apply is December 11th! apply here!](#)
- It is time again for the 6th Annual ECHS Poetry Recitation! The event will take place on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at East Coweta High School. [Visit the registration site for more information.](#)
- FLAG Spoken Language Contest Dates announced! Metro Spoken Language Contest will be held on Saturday, March 16, location TBD  
The FLES contest will be Saturday, April 27 [at Warren T. Jackson ES](#)  
The Savannah contest will be held on Saturday, March 2 at [Islands HS.](#)
- Register now for the 2018 African Studies Association Teacher's Workshop  
Saturday, December 1, 2018, 8:30am-4:00pm  
Auburn Avenue Research Library, located at 101 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta GA, 30303  
[More information available via this link!](#)
- **Has your school applied to offer the International Skills Diploma Seal?** If not, we are now accepting new school applications to join this popular and meaningful program. [More information can be found on our home page via this link.](#) You can also [consult our Guidance at a Glance document here](#) or reach out to us with further questions.



Alpharetta High School recently welcomed 18



Exchange students from Epinal, France visit Roswell High School!



AATG Workshop a big success!

- Creekview High School students help others using sign language at school events. [Read the article here!](#)
- [2019-2020 TCLP Applications Now Available](#). Deadline for US schools to apply is Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- We are happy to announce new world language educator professional development training workshops in southern Georgia and in the Metro region in collaboration with Georgia's RESAs in those areas. The dates for those trainings are below. Additional PD workshops will be forthcoming. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Metro RESA PD opportunities**

Jan 28 Session:

[http://www.ciclt.net/sn/resa/recl\\_application.aspx?CL\\_ID=306369&ClientCode=mresa](http://www.ciclt.net/sn/resa/recl_application.aspx?CL_ID=306369&ClientCode=mresa)

Feb 1 Session:

[http://www.ciclt.net/sn/resa/recl\\_application.aspx?ClientCode=mresa&CL\\_ID=306371](http://www.ciclt.net/sn/resa/recl_application.aspx?ClientCode=mresa&CL_ID=306371)

**South Georgia PD opportunities**

[South GA World Language Symposium Day 1: Instructional Leaders](#) March 18, 2019 10:00-2:00 at CPRESA in Lenox (District and School Leaders - lunch provided)

[South GA World Language Symposium Day 2: Teachers](#) March 19, 2019 9:00-3:00 at CPRESA in Lenox (Teachers - breakfast and lunch provided)

- The AATG Georgia Chapter has announced that the annual State German Convention will be held February 1-2 of this year. [More information is available on their website.](#)
- Have you heard of [IALLT \(International Association of Language Learning Technology\)?](#) They are a non-profit organization that caters to "the development, integration, evaluation and management of instructional technology for the teaching and learning of language, literature, and culture."
- [The Goethe-Institut in the USA awards scholarships for participation in language courses](#) and professional development seminars (e.g. cultural studies; German as a foreign language theory and practice) in Germany. You can apply for a scholarship from the Goethe-Institut if you are a teacher of German as a foreign language or are involved in the teacher training of such teachers; this also applies if you work at a PASCH school. **The deadline for 2019 scholarship applications is Thursday, November 01, 2018.**
- [Have you heard of Generation Global?](#) It is a student-centred education program of the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (institute.global). Contact Gina del Tito ([g.deltito@institute.global](mailto:g.deltito@institute.global)) for more information.
- Save the Date – The AATF French Immersion Weekend will take place Feb 22-24<sup>th</sup>. More information to come!
- Want some information on how to use Tech tools in the modern language classroom? [Check out this workshop offered by CULTR on February 16<sup>th</sup>.](#)
- [National Security Language Initiative for Youth \(NSLI-Y\)](#) - Deadline October 30, 2018
- [Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad \(YES Abroad\)](#) - Deadline December 4, 2018



*Thank you to the ES teachers of Decatur City Schools for piloting a cohort training of our new online courses!*

- The African Studies Association is hosting a workshop for teachers on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30am – 4pm. [More information is available via this link.](#)
- The High Museum of Art offers tours and educational experiences in several languages and many other programs. For more information [visit their website here](#) or contact [Mami.Fondu@high.org](mailto:Mami.Fondu@high.org) for more information.
- Applications are now be accepted for the Gilman International Scholarship for eligible undergraduate students. [More information via this link.](#)
- Have you registered for the SCOLT conference in Myrtle Beach in March! [Find out more here!](#)
- The Robert Bosch Foundation fellowship is now accepting applications for interested candidates. [More information via this link.](#)
- The NSA offers High School work study program. Apply between Sept 1st – Oct 31st.
- Georgia Tech has New Degree Programs in Global Media, Language, and Cultural Studies: [Interview with Jenny Strakovsky, School of Modern Languages](#)
- [The Atlanta Christkindl Market™ is the German American Cultural Foundation's official Holiday event](#) and the city's largest German Christmas Market. After launching in 2016 and a successful second year in 2017, bringing in over 250,000 visitors, the *Atlanta Christkindl Market™* is aiming to double its activities in 2018!
- Do you know a current world language teacher that has made a difference in your life or the lives of others! Do you know a teacher who goes above and beyond to provide students the critical language and cultural competencies needed for the workforce of today and tomorrow? Whether you are a parent, student, colleague or citizen, we invite you to tell us about them! [Please fill out our online nomination form here.](#) **Thank you in advance!**
- The National Chinese Language Conference (NCLC) provides a high-profile platform for sharing new ideas and best practices in the fields of Chinese language teaching and learning, Chinese arts and culture, and U.S.–China educational exchange. The NCLC 2019 is organized by Asia Society and the College Board, and will be hosted in San Diego, California from May 9-11, 2019. Share your ideas and successes by submitting a proposal by 11:59 p.m. Eastern on Friday, October 26, to lead a session  [< https://asiasociety.org/national-chinese-language-conference/request-proposals >](https://asiasociety.org/national-chinese-language-conference/request-proposals) at the 2019 NCLC.
- Education First [invites you to apply](#) for an experiential travel opportunity to learn firsthand about their [Language Immersion Tours](#). Awarded educators from across the U.S. will travel to Madrid, Spain from Feb. 14-19, 2019 to explore how an international travel program can inspire students to become lifelong language learners. The deadline to apply is Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.



*International Night at North Springs HS in Fulton County on October 4<sup>th</sup> was awesome! Great speakers and student testimonials!*



*Be sure to check out Atlanta's Christkindl Market Nov 30-Dec 23*

Facebook: [Georgia Department of Education World Languages](#)

Twitter: [gadoeworldlanguages](#)

- Please let us know of any world language teachers receiving awards statewide, we would very much like to join with you in celebrating their accomplishments!
- Likewise, if you know of a program in Georgia that deserves to be highlighted, please contact me at [pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us)

## Teacher Spotlight!

- It was a great honor to be at Woodville Tompkins High School in Savannah to honor and recognize Ms. Maribel Gomez as the World Language Educator of the Month for October! Excerpt from her nomination - “Ms. Gomez is an outstanding teacher in multiple aspects. She is the teacher I would want if I were in school. She works well beyond the school day in order to create worldly students from a population that knows very little outside of the region. Her students are actively engaged in their own learning and they are learning through the innovative methods that she is pioneering in our system. As a teacher leader, I rely on her to model best practices for incoming teachers!”



- Professor David Marcus visited Campbell High School and North Atlanta High School last week, recruiting students to continue their Arabic studies at Georgia Tech! Dr. Marcus answered questions about Arabic as a second language, discussed upcoming study abroad opportunities, and performed Arabic music on the oud (plucked string instrument) and the darbouka (drum). Videos of the performance to come! For more information on Arabic study abroad: [modlangs.gatech.edu/lbat/morocco](http://modlangs.gatech.edu/lbat/morocco)



- It was a pleasure to be at the Cobb County Board of Education meeting on October 18th to recognize our World Language Educator of the Month for September, Mrs. Lily Motolenich from Russel Elementary School! Present was Principal Mrs. Tammy Watson, Mr. Motolenich, Assistant Principal Mrs. Michelle Gillham, Cobb county district world language coordinator Mr. German Suarez and English Partner teacher Mrs. Amy Archer. Mrs. Motolenich is a kindergarten Spanish DLI teacher.



- On Oct. 15, there was not a dry eye in the crowd as [Paola Epstein was named the Teacher of the Year for Dawson County at the board of education meeting](#). In her five years as a Spanish teacher at Dawson County High School, Epstein quickly became a staple in the high school, serving as the world language department chair, sponsor of the Anime Club, International Club, National Spanish Honor Society and the Tiger TV and commissioner of homecoming. “In the classroom Mrs. Epstein is second to none,” said DCHS principal Brody Hughes. “You can often find her late in the evenings working with her students and making sure that they are operating at their fullest potential to gain as much as they can out of her class and to push them beyond their limits.”



- Congratulations! HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR: Kaylie Noe, Spanish teacher at Adairsville High School!
- Congratulations as well to Mrs. Meredith White for being named a finalist for the Gwinnett County Teacher of the Year!

Meredith White, Spanish I and II Teacher (Grades 9-12),  
Peachtree Ridge High School  
(12 years in education, 3.5 with GCPS)

Meredith White is a fourth-generation public school teacher whose "mission is to engage every day, with all students, in culturally responsive teaching." Mrs. White uses the technology tools embraced by her Spanish I and II students to teach them— collaborating in shared Google documents, taking virtual shopping trips with vloggers in Spain via YouTube, and using authentic resources like daily news articles.

Mrs. White started her GCPS career in 2009 as a Spanish Teacher at Grayson High School. She moved to other school districts over the next several years as her spouse was relocated by the military. In 2016, Mrs. White returned to Gwinnett as a Spanish I and II Teacher at Peachtree Ridge High School.

Mrs. White has bachelor's degrees in Foreign Language Education and Spanish as well as a master's degree in Foreign Language Education, all from the University of Georgia. She is pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of Georgia.



## Programs Spotlight!

- A special thank you to our friends at the [Mexican Consulate of Atlanta](#) for the annual donation of books to support Spanish students in Georgia. This year, books were donated to support students in Henry County Georgia. This is just one of the many ways in which we work with our international partners to support world language instruction in Georgia.



- [Students at Creekview High School are taking their American Sign Language abilities outside the classroom](#) and using them to interpret for the deaf and hard of hearing. Students also attend deaf dinners and other community events to observe and practice signing, and can job shadow at Hasty Elementary School, where the district has a deaf and hard of hearing program. There will soon be opportunities for high school students to teach short signing lessons after school at Ball Ground Elementary School STEM Academy. There's also an active ASL club.



- [Woodville Thompkins High School celebrated International Day of Peace](#), a worldwide appeal for peace, acceptance and diversity. The program was panned by Woodville's International Students of Excellence, a club that includes kids from a variety of ethnicities and cultures. It included a moment of silence and a call for togetherness at school, in the community and around the world. "We want everyone to be able to feel free as they do in school," said Prya Patel, the President of the International Students of Excellence. "We don't want to exclude anyone, we want to allow everyone in, allow everyone to be unique and represent their own cultures or heritage."



- We enjoyed being at West Georgia RESA on October 16th to connect with world language teachers from Troup county and Carrollton City Schools and share all the great updates in world language education! Special thanks to Dr. Kilpatrick from the University of West Georgia for joining us and sharing all the great things happening at West Georgia University and the great variety of programs they offer for world language students and programs.



- The Atlanta Opera's [new Bilingual version of Rossini's delightful and energetic \*The Barber of Seville\*](#) has begun its season of performances at local area schools. The play which is presented both in Spanish and English will have performances in Cobb, Gwinnett and the Atlanta Public School system. Opera's most famous barber, Figaro, plays the role of translator as Rossini's sparkling, witty score takes center stage. Created by stage director Kristine McIntyre, the 45-minute adaptation will be performed in Spanish and English and demonstrates the power of love to triumph over adversity of every kind.



- [Dalton High School Hosts German Friends for Exchange Experience](#). It started when DHS German Teacher Ava Wyatt visited the town of Elbingerode, Germany in 1996 and contacted Gymnasium Hochharz to begin a partnership (a "gymnasium" is a German college prep high school). That school closed in 2006 and a new school, Gerhart Hauptmann Gymnasium, took over to continue. The now 22-year-old partnership sends groups of students back and forth every other year, both from the United States to Germany and from Germany to the U.S.



- On Saturday, October 6, student members of the National Spanish Honor Society (w/ sponsor Linda Chinn) and National French Honor Society, (with sponsor Andra Gammage) of Woodland High School in Henry County, Georgia spent the afternoon at Eagle's Landing Senior Center in Stockbridge, Georgia. The students facilitated a Fall Festival for the residents and their families during which they spent time with the residents playing games, decorating pumpkins, creating other arts and crafts, as well as participating in other fall activities, such as face painting for the children in attendance. A fun time was had by all and the Spanish students especially enjoyed speaking Spanish with a Spanish-speaking resident and her family. This is an annual event that our World Language Honor Societies look forward to every year.



- Congratulations to the 14 German students at South Forsyth High School who today received their official DSD I diplomas! Great work and congratulations to their teachers, school and district! The celebration included German inspired treats and an award ceremony where Mrs. Nicolette Gahleitner, German Language Advisor for the SE USA, presented the students with their official certificates! Special thanks to their teachers Mr. Jonas Strecker and Mrs. Steffi Legall-Riddle!



- Welcome to Dr. Jenny Strakovsky, who is the Assistant Director of Graduate Programs and Career Education at Georgia Tech's School of Modern Languages, where she also teaches actively in the German Program. She is responsible for program development and student advising for the interdisciplinary Master of Science in Global Media and Cultures, available with concentrations in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish, as well as the M.S. in Applied Language and Intercultural Studies, which trains students in professional level language for international careers (currently available in Spanish, more languages TBA). She directs "21st Century Humanities," a multimedia project on the role of cross-cultural humanities in various professional fields, and teaches "Career Design for Global Citizenship," a course that explores how language study and design thinking can help students create a meaningful career. She holds a Ph.D. in German Studies from Stanford University and joined the School of Modern Languages in January 2018. [MS-GMC and MS-ALIS are BOR approved and pending SACSCOC approval] [View an article interview with her via this link.](#)



## Job Announcements!

### Dekalb county

- German Teacher opening at Kittredge Magnet School. [See the job announcement here.](#)

**Atlanta Public Schools** has TWO opening for Spanish teacher: Miles Elementary School and MLK Middle School. Both schools are launching IB programs and expanding world language opportunities for their students! The positions are posted on the APS District website at <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/11805>. Interested candidates should complete an application online. Please email Dr. Margaret McKenzie, Coordinator for ESOL & World Languages at [mamckenzie@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:mamckenzie@atlanta.k12.ga.us) should you need additional information.

### **The International Charter School of Atlanta**

The International Charter School of Atlanta is seeking a German immersion teacher for next school year. If interested, please contact [barbara.wiren@icsatlanta.org](mailto:barbara.wiren@icsatlanta.org)

### **Cobb county**

A German teaching position is open in Cobb County at North Cobb HS. [More information is available here.](#)

**Clayton County Public Schools** is expanding world language options for the 2018-2019 school year. The district offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Please send resumes to Dr. Chantal Normil, Director. ([Chantal.normil@clayton.k12.ga.us](mailto:Chantal.normil@clayton.k12.ga.us))

One open position of Spanish Teacher at Mundy's Mill HS.

## **Henry County**

Hampton High School is seeking a Spanish Teacher. [Link to job announcement.](#)

**Wesley International Academy** is currently seeking highly qualified full-time Middle School Chinese teacher. To apply, please send a **resume** and a **cover letter** to [Anthony.Chung@wesleyacademy.org](mailto:Anthony.Chung@wesleyacademy.org)

**Nominate a deserving world language educator** in Georgia to be recognized as the World Language Educator of the Month. Do so [here!](#)

- ***Upcoming World Language Event dates to be aware of.....***

October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pickens County World Language Fall Forum <a href="#">Register here!</a> <a href="#">Mike Peto Workshop on Comprehensible Input</a> – Woodville-Tompkins
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Deadline to apply for NSLI-Y Scholarships</a>
Nov 1-7	#LearnFrenchInGa – French Focus Week
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="#">Deadline to apply for Goethe Institute PD Travel Scholarship</a>
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Okefenokee World Language Training</a>
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">East Coweta WLS Poetry Recitation Competition</a> <a href="#">German High School Immersion day</a> at the Goethe Zentrum Atlanta
November 13-15	NADSFL/NCSSFL Conferences in New Orleans
November 16-18	<a href="#">ACTFL Conference in New Orleans</a>
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Tina Hargaden Workshop</a> - World Language Proficiency
November 27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Opportunity to decorate German-American Christmas Trees at the <a href="#">Atlanta Christmas Market</a> . Contact <a href="mailto:office@christkindlmarket.org">office@christkindlmarket.org</a> for details.
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	6pm Official opening of the <a href="#">Atlanta German Christmas Market</a>
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="#">African Studies Association Teacher Workshop</a>
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad (YES Abroad)</a> Deadline
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Online World Language District Coordinator Meeting
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Deadline to apply for CBYC Scholarship</a>
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Deadline for new ISDS School applications!</a>
January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	GaDOE WL University/College Advisory Board Meeting Online 1-2pm <a href="#">Deadline to apply for US schools to host teachers in TCLP program</a>
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	DLI in a Day Professional Development Day at the Globe Academy
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">World Language Education Symposium for District and School Level Leaders</a>
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="#">World Language Education Symposium for World Languages Teachers</a>
Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<a href="#">AATG State German Convention</a>
Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Immersion</a>
Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	Northwest Georgia World Language Symposium – Berry College
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">CULTR Workshop – Tech Tools for the Modern Language Teacher</a>

Feb 18 - 22	#HeritageLanguagesInGa – Heritage Languages Focus Week
Feb 22-24 <sup>th</sup>	AATF French Immersion Weekend
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Online World Language District Coordinator Meeting
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	FLAG Savannah Spoken Language contest at <a href="#">Islands HS</a> .
March 8-9	<a href="#">FLAG Conference</a> in Augusta
March 11-15	#LearnPortugueseInGa – Portuguese Focus Week
March 12 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">International TESOL Conference</a> in Atlanta
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">FLAG Metro Spoken Language Contest</a> (Levels 1 -AP) will be held on Saturday, March 16, at McEachern HS
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March 21-23 <sup>rd</sup>	<a href="#">SCOLT Conference in Myrtle Beach</a>
April 1-5	#LearnArabicInGa – Arabic Focus Week
April 8-10	#LearnRussianInGa – Russian Focus Week
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	GaDOE WL University/College Advisory Board Meeting Online 1-2pm
April 25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	Georgia World Language Leadership Institute
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	FLAG FLES contest <a href="#">at Warren T. Jackson ES</a>
May 6-10	#LearnChineseInGa – Chinese Focus Week
May 13-17	#LearnJapaneseInGa – Japanese Focus Week

- This information and more is available via the professional development calendar on our webpages and on our professional development page [here](#).
- If you have any events that need to be added, please let me know.

### **Useful links for Language Teachers**

- [Have you heard of ImgFlip?](#) Picture resources for teachers. (Thank you Mr. Suarez for sharing!)
- [Have you heard of FreePik?](#)
- [Have you heard of Unsplash?](#)
- If you missed the 2018 World Language Collaborative Unconference in Savannah, you can still access the documents that were shared [via this link](#).

### **Other Related local news**

- Congratulations to Mrs. Paola Epstein, Spanish teacher at Dawson County HS for being named the district's 2019 Teacher of the Year!  
<https://www.dawsonnews.com/local/epstein-named-dawson-county-teacher-year/>
- Georgia State and Georgia Tech launch global initiative  
[http://georgiastatesignal.com/georgia-state-and-georgia-tech-launch-global-initiative/?platform=hootsuite&fbclid=IwAR2o-AFYxW2EO5pb8p21X0oW2\\_JRh81SRI2czyOtaJMsXVrYOjgPj\\_Q9LBI](http://georgiastatesignal.com/georgia-state-and-georgia-tech-launch-global-initiative/?platform=hootsuite&fbclid=IwAR2o-AFYxW2EO5pb8p21X0oW2_JRh81SRI2czyOtaJMsXVrYOjgPj_Q9LBI)
- Air France to double capacity of Atlanta to Paris flights [https://www.globalatlanta.com/air-france-to-nearly-double-capacity-on-atlanta-paris-flight-using-a380/?fbclid=IwAR2sDEz4PAq\\_HKJU04QEG\\_UM4pG5sHH3zFy2xtlcXX9NRMEm5G7iCRceltc](https://www.globalatlanta.com/air-france-to-nearly-double-capacity-on-atlanta-paris-flight-using-a380/?fbclid=IwAR2sDEz4PAq_HKJU04QEG_UM4pG5sHH3zFy2xtlcXX9NRMEm5G7iCRceltc)

## **Links to articles related to World Language education.**

- DLI program empowers kindergartners [https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/youth/woodland-primary-schools-new-dual-language-program-empowers-kindergarten-students/#.W8\\_CmhKhPZ](https://www.clarkcountytoday.com/youth/woodland-primary-schools-new-dual-language-program-empowers-kindergarten-students/#.W8_CmhKhPZ)
- CIA is investing in foreign languages <https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2018-featured-story-archive/the-language-of-espionage.html>
- What this native American school can teach us all. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/ashoka/2018/10/17/what-this-native-american-school-network-can-teach-us-all/#361e340010f7>
- How does brain structure influence performance on language tasks <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/10/181017142140.htm>
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