Good afternoon world language professionals!

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 below.
- GADII 2018 Call for proposals and event registration is open.
- International Skills Diploma Seal Awards Program at the DOE set for Tuesday, April 24th at 10am. Participating ISDS High Schools are encouraged to submit their STAR student nominations via this form by the deadline of April 15th.
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- New Curriculum and Instruction Newsletter for March highlights world language developments. Check it out here.
- Congratulations to all the students across the state who have participated in the FLAG Spoken Language Competitions.
- A French teacher workshop sponsored by the French Consulate of Atlanta and the Alliance Française d'Atlanta took place on April 6th.
- April 15th is the deadline for HS German students to apply for the Study Bridge program.
- World Languages Fair in Henry County was a great success!
- New languages available for Georgia’s Seal of Biliteracy! Deadline is May 1st for 1st round of reporting.
- April 28th is High School Immersion Day for German students at the Goethe-Zentrum Atlanta.
• More evidence that Employers are increasingly looking to hire employees with FL skills.
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• ESCUELA Grant team at Georgia State’s College of Education meets with Education leaders to develop outreach strategies to find more bilingual teachers.
• Dual Language Immersion Endorsement Program at GSU entrance deadline is April 15th.
• Nominate a School for a Makeover from Georgia United's School Crashers Program
• DHS IB German students visited the dual immersion German classes at Brookwood ES.
• Deadline for AATSP National Awards is April 16th. Nominate your fellow educators.
• Stipends available for German educators to attend AP workshops through AATG.
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• Attention French, Spanish and Mandarin teachers, Real Language right away is holding a raffle for an annual pdf license ($499.00 value). Email info@reallanguagerightaway.com for more information.
• EF Tours has scholarships available to attend a Think Tank on Global Education: Empowering Global Citizens at Harvard. Interested candidates can apply via this link.
• Time is running out to apply for the AATG summer study scholarships.
• ACTFL is offering scholarships for first time attendees to the upcoming ACTFL Conference in New Orleans. Find out more here.
• Lead with Languages offering summer scholarships to Concordia Language Villages. Find out more here.

Georgia continues to become more internationally connected with each passing week and encouraging our industries to reach out through these connections is vitally important to their growth and prosperity. Recently, at the Metro Atlanta Chamber’s export challenge, a competition to encourage companies to develop and build export capacity and activities, several companies made their final pitches to be awarded money to pursue their export plans. Why is this important, Companies that sell overseas create twice as many jobs as those only selling in the U.S. market, they grow an average of 18 percent faster. Their workforce is typically 10 to 15
percent more productive and international sales volume also helps lower overall production costs and leads to increased profitability. Georgia continues to expand its ability to move cargo both by air and by land. This week, Qatar Airlines was recognized with the top cargo award from Hartsfield-Jackson International airport and the airport is considering ways to expand their cargo carrying capacity. Meanwhile, construction has begun as well on the new Mason Mega Rail terminal at the port of Savannah, which will add thousands of extra feet (meters) of track to enable the port to load trains that are 10,000 feet (3,048 meters) long. It will also double Savannah's capacity to move 40-foot (12-meter) cargo containers by rail to 1 million containers per year by 2028.

How then does the learning of linguistic and cultural competencies fit into strengthening Georgia’s economic engine? Recently, New research reaffirmed that speaking a different language increases not only your job options but also your earning potential and another recent report noted that the demand for speakers of other languages is growing. The global economy is shifting away from the English-speaking world, according to the US Council on Foreign Languages and Approximately 18 percent of Americans report speaking a foreign language compared to 26 percent of Canadian and 54 percent of Europeans. Recent announcements by google and by Samsung confirm this rising focus on the benefits to be gained by learning languages. A recent article also highlighted the importance of local languages in India’s internet economy and predicted that by 2021, there will be over 500 million users of Indian languages while English users will be half that number. Despite this growing focus on the impact of language learning globally, America is still lagging behind in the study of languages as highlighted in a recent article entitled “America’s Foreign Language Crisis”.

“Language is the blood of the soul into which thoughts run and out of which they grow.” – Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Instagram: gadoeworldlanguages
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)

Educators Spotlight!
• It was an honor to be at Mercer Middle School to surprise Ms. Xiaojuan Guo as the World Language Educator of the Month for April. Ms. Guo teaches Chinese to all middle grades at Mercer Middle School. Ms. Guo is not just teaching Chinese language in the school. She combines language with culture, with other subjects like math, arts, life skills, sports and so on. The students at Mercer Middle School have had very little exposure to the world outside of their neighborhoods. Ms. Guo is opening their worlds to an entirely different language and culture. More importantly, she is teaching them to be more empathetic and understanding of others. Again, we say a big thank you as well 🙏 to all Ga’s amazing linguistic and cultural ambassadors in classrooms across our state at all levels.

• Evans High School Spanish teacher Di Johnson recently was recognized before the Columbia County Board of Education for being named the Georgia Chapter K-12 Teacher of the Year by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Johnson, an Evans High School graduate and former winner of the district STAR Teacher of the Year award, graduated from Augusta College in 1985 with a teaching certification in English and Spanish. She finished her master’s degree in Spanish Language and Culture from Spain’s University of Salamanca in 2012.

Programs Spotlight!

• We are also delighted to invite you to attend Ga’s 5th annual Dual Language Immersion Institute which will be held at Douglas County HS on July 17th & 18th, 2018! Last year’s attendance broke all previous records and we look forward to another well attended event this year! This year’s theme is “Partnering for Success: Sharing Best Practices and learning and leading together”. We invite anyone interested in immersion education to attend and extend a special invitation to our English Partner Teachers in DLI programs across the state to share your best practices and tips for success! You can register for the event here. We also invite Presenters to submit a proposal for this year’s GADII! You can do so via this link. With 13 confirmed new DLI school starts in 2018, the need for this annual event continues to grow!
• Georgia’s innovative International Skills Diploma Seal’s reporting deadline for qualifying students in April 15th. Every year, as part of the International Skills Diploma Seal Program, the Georgia Department of Education invites each approved ISDS High School to send a representative **STAR Student** to be recognized at an end of the year awards ceremony. This year, the event will be held at the Georgia Department of Education, starting at 10am on Tuesday, April 24th, 2018. The form for participating and pre-approved ISDS Schools in Georgia to submit their STAR Students that will be attending this event is now available on our website or can be accessed directly via [this link](#). The deadline for completing this form is April 15th. If you have any additional questions, please contact Mr. Patrick Wallace, Program Specialist for World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives at [pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us)

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**Job Announcements!**

**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)

**Clarke County Schools**

Dual Language Immersion Teacher needed at Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary. [Link to job opening](#) – contact [dunnes@clarke.k12.ga.us](mailto:dunnes@clarke.k12.ga.us) for information

**Columbia County Schools**

Seeking an 8th grade Spanish Teacher. - Contact Merrell Garner [elizabeth.garner@ccboe.net](mailto:elizabeth.garner@ccboe.net) for information.

**Forsyth County Schools**

German High School Teacher
Latin High School Teacher
Every year, students from South Forsyth HS decorate an Ostereierbaum!

Job opportunities are posted on:

https://www.applitrack.com/forsyth/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1 – contact mclaus-nix@forsyth.k12.ga.us

### Gwinnett County Schools

Peachtree Ridge High School in Gwinnett County Public Schools announces the following position available Fall, 2018 with interviews beginning immediately.

Full time Chinese Teacher  
Peachtree Ridge High School  
Gwinnett County Public Schools

Highly qualified teachers who do not need a visa may contact department chair Melanie Hutsell at melanie_hutsell@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

### Savannah Chatham Schools

There is a Spanish vacancy at Sol C. Johnson High School. They can contact me (see below) for additional information. They must complete an application at http://www.zilfire.com/teachsavannah/.

### Clayton County Public Schools

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)

**Positions include:**

1 elementary school Chinese teacher  
1 elementary school French teacher  
2 elementary school Spanish teacher  
1 middle school itinerant Chinese teacher  
4 middle school itinerant French teachers  
4 middle school itinerant Spanish teachers  
2 Spanish dual language KK teachers (ECE – K-5 certified)

### Cherokee Bluff High School

Cherokee Bluff High School in Hall County is seeking a German teacher with a passion for teaching kids in an innovative, rigorous, and relevant environment! Please use the following link to apply: https://www.applitrack.com/hallcounty/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=High+School+Teaching  
You can also follow on Twitter @HallcoCBHS @Principal_McGee  
Website: http://cbhs.hallco.org

### Washington County
Spanish Teacher sought for 9-12 at Washington County High School in Sandersville. Link to Job announcement.

**Henry County**

- Spanish Teacher 9-12 (Hampton High School in Henry County)
- Spanish Teacher 6-8 (Hampton Middle School in Henry County)

**Fulton county**

- Fulton County is seeking a High School Latin teacher (Please contact Mrs. Patterson if interested - patterson@fultonschools.org)
- Fulton county has two full-time positions for Spanish teachers at Sandtown MS on Campbellton Road in Atlanta for school year 2018-19. The contact for interested candidates is the principal, Ms. Estella Cook, [CookEB@fultonschools.org](mailto:CookEB@fultonschools.org)

**Cobb county**

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- Campbell High School:
• South Cobb High School:

Teacher, HS Spanish (114)[190] 12/15/2017 Certified SOUTH COBB HIGH SCHOOL - 0503

• A Japanese Teacher is also being sought in Cobb county. (Please contact Mr. Suarez if interested) German.SUAREZ@cobbk12.org

• Teacher, Elementary Dual Language Spanish Immersion(100)[190] 03/15/2016 Certified WORLD LANGUAGES – 0020 Apply

Perimeter College

• March 26 till the first week of May. Three courses: Two regular courses, GRMN 1001 and GRMN 1002 AND one intensive course, GRMN 2002
  Please contact Rick Robinson at 404-578-2558. Leave message if nobody picks. Please send CV rrobinson28@gsu.edu (put “German position” in subject area)

Quick Announcements!

• The next DLI in a Day professional learning event has already been scheduled to take place on September 15, 2018 at Kelly Mill Elementary School in Forsyth County. You can already register for that event via this link.

• Remember, the deadline for this year’s 1st reporting cycle for Georgia’s Seal of Biliteracy is May 1st. A guidance at a Glance document is available for you to see here. You can submit your request for seals directly via our google form here. As always, if you have any questions pertaining to the seal, please email me at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us

• We are excited to announce an expansion of approved language testing agencies for Georgia’s Seal of Biliteracy. ALTA Testing services has been approved to offer language test to students who wish to qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy. They offer oral and written
• Current and archived GaDOE World Language Updates are now available online and archived at the bottom of our [Professional Development Page](#). Now you can easily view past issues and easily reference them as needed.

• **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…:**

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- If you have any events that need to be added, please let me know.

**Useful links for Language Teachers**

- Book creator [https://bookcreator.com/](https://bookcreator.com/)
- The successful French classroom [https://successfulfrenchclassroom.wordpress.com/](https://successfulfrenchclassroom.wordpress.com/)
- French Resources [https://us.ifprofs.org/ressources-pedagogiques](https://us.ifprofs.org/ressources-pedagogiques)
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**Related local news**

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**Links to articles related to World Language education.**
- How long should it take to learn a language http://www.smartbrief.com/branded/494B8B75-F0BD-48F8-B5B5-F30BE1C94C7/BCE78D23-63F1-4056-8C56-24FDAD112124
- Can Language shape perception https://undark.org/article/language-brain-cognition-perception/
- Don’t underestimate or shortchange ells with disabilities http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/learning-the-language/2018/03/educators_can_shortchange_underestimate_ells_with_disabilities.html
- Switzerland’s invisible linguistic borders http://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20180325-switzerlands-invisible-linguistic-borders
- K-12 study abroad linked with increased learning outcomes http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/global_learning/2018/03/k-12_study_abroad_linked_with_improved_learning_outcomes.html
- More employers want to hire graduates who speak a foreign language http://universe.byu.edu/2018/03/27/foreign-language-demand-growing1/
- How world language learning and global competence compliment each other http://www.gettingsmart.com/2016/03/world-language-learning-global-competence-complement/
- The English language is the world’s achilles heel [http://theconversation.com/the-english-language-is-the-worlds-achilles-heel-93817](http://theconversation.com/the-english-language-is-the-worlds-achilles-heel-93817)
- Our brains treat signed and spoken languages the same [https://www.futurity.org/brains-sign-language-speech-1721212/](https://www.futurity.org/brains-sign-language-speech-1721212/)

As always, thank you for all that you do!

Patrick