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FLAIR Honor Society Induction

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

6:15 pm reception, 7:00 pm induction

Performing Arts Theater at Augusta State University

Registration materials are available on our website: www.aug.edu/flair

List of instructions for teachers is on the FLAIR web page.

Deadline: February 22

Second-year students: Certificate and seal

Third-year students: Medal

Fourth-year students: Pin

Fifth-year students: Medal

*Third, fourth and fifth-year students who have maintained an "A" average are eligible for the medal or pin

*Third, fourth and fifth-year qualifying students who are not members of the FLAIR honor society may join FLAIR & receive a certificate, seal and medal or pin. They will attend the induction.

*Because of space limitations in the theater, only those students being inducted into FLAIR will receive their certificate at the ceremony. All third, fourth and fifth-year students who are already members of FLAIR will receive their medals and pins at their school, to be arranged by the teachers of that school.

Student of the Year & Teacher of the Year

Nomination forms are available on our website: www.aug.edu/flair

DEADLINE: February 22

Outstanding Foreign Language Student Award

Each school may select **one student** as the Outstanding Foreign Language Student of the year to be recognized at this year's FLAIR Honor Society Induction. The student will receive a certificate and prize. Only schools that participate in the FLAIR Honor Society Induction may submit the name of their outstanding student for recognition. The list of winners will be published in the next issue of the FLAIR newsletter, and will be sent to the local newspaper for publication. To participate, the teacher should send the nomination form for the student to Dr. Mallory Millender (MMille6417@aol.com). His email and the form are on the web page, www.aug.edu/flair, under the section "FLAIR Honor Society."

Past FLAIR Awardees

	Students	Teachers
1990	Carlton Holden, Davidson	Jana Sandarg, Augusta College
1991	Janet Tindall, Davidson	Claire Stracke, Davidson
1992	Bridget Maner, AR Johnson	Terry Meredith, Aquinas
1993	Lizzie Kelly,	Enrique Vázquez, AR Johnson
1994	Anand Ramachandran, Davidson	Ann Catena, Augusta Preparatory School
1995	Tsuruya Manami, Butler	Vanessa Vélez Cruz, Aquinas
1996	Kelly Williams, Aquinas & Jennifer Curry, Davidson	Cindy Neal, Glenn Hills
1997	Eric Jordan, Glenn Hills	Christy Daniel, Glenn Hills
1998	French: Holly Gilliland, Hephzibah Spanish: Bernard Simmons, Westside & Brad Speer, Davidson	José Pumarejo, Westside
1999	Megan Crimmins, Davidson	Helene Rhodes, Lincoln County
2000	Lisa Cutting, Augusta Prep & Jordan Williams, Aquinas	Caroline Miklosovic, Davidson
2001	Torrez Wilson, Hephzibah High School	Robert Flannigan, Augusta State University
2002	Russ Saul, Davidson	Peggy Grant, Lucy Laney
2003	Ashwin Erik Rajendra, Augusta Preparatory Day School	Krista Walker, Burke Co. H. S.
2004	Travys Courtney, Davidson	Edwin Pérez, Cross Creek H. S.
2005	Susan Davis, Davidson	Elizabeth Emanuelli, Forest Hills E School
2006	Sharon Aileen Marie McCoy, Greenbrier High School	Mary-Kathleen Blanchard, Augusta State University
2007	Elizabeth Caldwell, Davidson Fine Arts School	Angélica Eubanks, Lakeside High School
2008	Matthew Shafer, Augusta Preparatory Day School	Candida Thompson, Academy of Richmond County
2009	Suzanne Schuman, Augusta Christian School	Mallory Millender, Paine College

Middle School Certificates of Merit

For the fourth year, middle school students can be recognized by FLAIR for their outstanding work in foreign language. The introductory course is offered over two years at the middle school, so those students maintaining an A average of the three semesters and who are recommended by their teacher, can receive a certificate of merit from FLAIR. There is no cost and teachers will award the certificates at their schools. We hope this will encourage students to continue their study of foreign languages in high school and college.

FLAG Conference

Friday, March 12 - Saturday, March 13, 2010, in Augusta

www.FLAGGeorgia.org

SCOLT Conference

Thursday, April 15 - Saturday, April 17, 2010, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina

www.scolt.org

Culinary Arts Class

International cuisine: COOK & eat!

Date TBA

5:00 - 8:00 pm

at Cross Creek High School

For FLAIR honor society members only

\$5 per person

Registration deadline: TBA

Registration & payment must be received by the deadline

Make checks out to FLAIR

Teachers: Send one payment for all your students & list of names to

Edwin Perez

106 Barts Drive

Augusta, GA 30909

News from our teachers

Julio Avila (North Augusta High School) had an article, "Análisis de los usos de se desde la gramática descriptiva," published in the December 2009 issue of *Hispania* (Vol. 92, No 4, p. 791), the publication of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Congratulations, Julio, on a superb article in a national journal!!!

Candida Thompson (Academy of Richmond County), **Robert Walker** (Cross Creek High School), **Debra Welch** (Hephzibah High School) and **Peggy Wright** (Westside High School) gave a presentation at the ACTFL conference in San Diego, California, on November 21, 2009. The Richmond County team of teachers presented "Working Smarter, Not Harder: The SCOLT Assessment Project." This session, which was well attended and well received, had been presented last spring at the SCOLT conference, and was selected "The Best of SCOLT." Congratulations Candida, Robert, Debra and Peggy. You represented us well!

Minerva Meléndez (Steven's Creek Elementary School) was the subject of a two-page article with three photos about teaching Spanish to elementary school children. The article appeared in the *Augusta Chronicle* on Nov 23, 2009, pages A1 and B1. In addition to teaching Spanish at Steven's Creek, she also teaches an after school program at Evans Elementary School. Thank you, Minerva, for bringing foreign languages to the attention of the CSRA. And congratulations on your success!

Send us your news so we can showcase foreign languages in the CSRA.

Hispanic Dance

Friday, February 19

7:00 - 10:00 pm

Ballroom, Jaguar Student Activities Center, Augusta State University
Deejay and dance instruction.

Admission: \$5 for students. Teachers do not pay.

Give extra credit! All sign-in sheets will be e-mailed to teachers.

El Día del Idioma

Thursday, April 22, 2010

5:00–8:00 pm

Día del Idioma Contest, directed by Dr. Pedro Hoyos Salcedo
(Details on the contest will be in the next newsletter.)

Contests, music, displays & Hispanic food

The Ballroom, Jaguar Student Activities Center, Augusta State University
Entrance is FREE and open to the public. Free contest registration for students.

Give extra credit! Sign-in sheets will be sent to all teachers
maps available at www.aug.edu

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Feb	6	Governor's Honors Interviews
	12	Deadline for registration for AATSP-GA Composition Contest Deadline for registration for FLAG MS/HS Spoken Language Contest
	13	Chinese: North Georgia College spring Festival
	15	Deadline for registration for AATSP-GA Immersion Camp
	15-26	French: Le Grand Concours (Elementary)
	19	Hispanic Dance, ASU
	19-20	French Immersion Camp
	22	Deadlines for FLAIR honor society, SOTY & TOTY nominations
	26-27	German State Convention

Mar	1-April 10, National Spanish Exam
	1-28 French: Le Grand Concours (Middle & High School)
	2 FLAIR Honor Society Induction
	2-18 AATSP-GA composition contest held at each school
	9 Deadline for AATSP-GA FLES Poster Contest
	12-13 FLAG conference, Augusta
	12 Deadline for registration for FLAG FLES Spoken Language Contest
	19-21 AATSP-GA Immersion Camp
	20 FLAG FLES Spoken Language Contest registration due
	27 FLAG MS/HS Spoken Language Contest, Miller Grove HS site
April	10 FLAG MS/HS Spoken Language Contest, Darton College site
	15-17 SCOLT Conference, Winston-Salem, NC
	16-18 GA Junior Classical League State Convention
	22 Día del Idioma, ASU
	24 FLAG FLES Spoken Language Contest
July	10-13 AATSP Annual Conference, Guadalajara, Mexico
	27-Aug 21 National Junior Classical League Convention
Sept	18 AATSP-GA Conference, Gainesville College, Gainesville
Oct	14 Tentative date for FLAIR Conference, ASU
Nov	15 FLAG award nominations due
Nov	19-21 ACTFL Conference, Boston, MA

Please email items for the calendar to the editor: jsandarg@aug.edu

FLAIR wants you! We need steering committee members. Please contact Terry Meredith (tmeredith@aquinashigh.org) or Jana Sandarg (jsandarg@aug.edu) if you wish to be added to the steering committee email list. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings.

FLAIR TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS are available to active FLAIR members who are presenting at a conference, working on a special project, collecting materials while traveling abroad, etc. Email a member of the Steering Committee to apply. No deadline.

Minutes of the FLAIR Steering Committee

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

The FLAIR steering committee met at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at Mi Rancho Mexican Restaurant on Washington Road. The following members were present: Christina Anderson, Leslie Dawson, Michael Dockery, Angélica Eubanks, Frederic Levezuel, Terry Meredith, Mallory Millender, Sandra Moore, Christy Presgrove, and Jana Sandarg. Jana prepared the agenda and Terry volunteered to lead the meeting.

Edwin was not present but sent the Treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$5,429.10. It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

We would like to hold a cooking class for FLAIR honor society members only. Jana will ask Edwin Pérez to host it at Cross Creek High School in late March from 5-8 pm. Teachers will RSVP to Edwin and send a list of students and a single check made out to FLAIR. The price will be \$5 per student and the deadline for registration and payment will be a week prior to the event. We will have international cuisine; the menu will be determined at a later date. We agreed to give the culinary arts teacher who leads the event a gift certificate as a thank-you.

The next agenda item was the FLAIR honor society induction. Jana will update the web page with the latest dates. We agreed to admit home schooled students; their teacher will have to provide documentation. We do not know how to reach all home school foreign language teachers to offer this; therefore, we will respond to those who contact us. Jana will reply to the two teachers who have requested their students be included. Jana will ask Mallory Millender to judge

the SOTY and Paulette Harris to judge the TOTY. For entertainment, we had many suggestions. Leslie will see if the chorus at her school will sing; Christy will see if her students will perform; Sandra Moore said she'd check to see if the Chinese teacher will have her students perform.

Next we discussed the list of tasks and volunteers. The list below outlines the tasks we volunteered for.

Jana: invite President Bloodworth to give the welcome

- arrange for tables

- write & send newsletter

- receive registrations & fees

- put in program that schools will be called in the order they won by lottery

- make signs of schools for usher to place on aisles

- write & print program

- print certificates & seals for all students

- order FLAIR SOTY & TOTY plaques

- SOTY certificates for each SOTY of each school

- invite Penny Johnson & Rose Carraway to attend

- send list of instructions to teachers

- get door prizes & hand out

- assist on stage

- take photos of the SOTY & TOTY

Michael: order medals & pins

- assist on stage

Edwin: pick up & pay for FLAIR SOTY & TOTY plaques

- checks for SOTY & TOTY

- put signs up in aisles for schools

- ushering (invite Jr ROTC to be ushers)

- take down signs after induction

Di: buy SOTY gifts, gift bags & tissue

- put name on each bag

- assist on stage

Leslie: decorate stage

- check on entertainment

- check in teachers

 - +take a fish bowl

 - +make up papers with numbers for teachers to draw at the induction

 - +list which school is called in what order & give to MC

 - +give teachers a list of instructions to follow (print them from FLAIR web page)

Christina: decorate stage

- assist on stage

- lead pledge

Christy: reception

- check on entertainment

Angélica: MC

- Present all SOTYs from all schools

- present SOTY & TOTY

Terry: candlelight ceremony (with Angélica)

- assist on stage

Sandra: assist on stage

Jana announced that there will be a visiting professor from Germany who will give a talk in English on economics at ASU on Monday, Feb 15, 2010. The lecture will be at 7 pm in Allgood Hall, N-126. It is free and open to the public.

For the FLAG conference in Augusta in March, the steering committee agreed to help stuff the FLAG bags on Thursday, March 11, at the hotel (place and exact time TBA). We would like to have some bigger FLAIR post-it notes to put in the FLAG bag, and Terry said she'd check

on prices. We also agreed to spend \$50 for ten gift certificates (\$5 each) at places that have establishments state-wide. We will ask Edwin to purchase them.

We thought of several ideas for the fall 2010 conference. We all agreed that since teachers might be furloughed again, we should not invite Donna Tatum to give a workshop since we might have to cancel a second time. Therefore, we will plan a conference around movies. Terry volunteered to lead the discussion of the French movie; Frederic will lead the discussion of the Spanish movie; we could ask Robert Walker to lead discussion of the German movie and perhaps Ms. Turner for the Japanese movie. Sandra and Terry will ask their Latin teachers if they can suggest a movie and if they can lead a discussion of it. Our date will be Thursday, Oct. 14, from 6-8 pm at ASU. Jana will reserve rooms and Frederic will order films for FLAIR.

We planned an event for teachers on Thursday, February 18 at 7 pm at ASU. Jana will reserve University Hall, room 170. Mallory volunteered to speak on Haiti. The title will be "America's Debt to Haiti." The lecture will be free and open to the public.

The next steering committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 5:00 pm at Mi Rancho Mexican Restaurant on Washington Road. Terry adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by: Jana Sandarg