

Flair



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Department of English and Foreign Languages  
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FLAIR invites you

to a panel on

Voices from Augusta and  
the Francophone World

Presented in English by

Dr. Mallory Millender, Dr. Liana Babayan, Dr. Eronini Egbujor

**Wednesday, February 22**

7:00 pm

Augusta State University, AHE-158

Free & open to the public

FLAIR Honor Society Induction

**Monday, March 5, 2012**

6:00 pm: Ceremony for all schools **EXCEPT** Richmond County  
public schools

7:30 pm: Reception for all schools

8:00 pm: Ceremony for Richmond County public schools

Performing Arts Theater at Augusta State University

Registration materials are available on our website: [www.aug.edu/flair](http://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](http://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 the name of the FLAIR Student of the Year 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](http://www.aug.edu/flair), under the section "FLAIR Honor Society."

### Past FLAIR Awardees

#### Students

1990	Carlton Holden, Davidson
1991	Janet Tindall, Davidson
1992	Bridget Maner, AR Johnson
1993	Lizzie Kelly,
1994	Anand Ramachandran, Davidson
1995	Tsuruya Manami, Butler
1996	Kelly Williams, Aquinas & Jennifer Curry, Davidson
1997	Eric Jordan, Glenn Hills
1998	French: Holly Gilliland, Hephzibah Spanish: Bernard Simmons, Westside & Brad Speer, Davidson
1999	Megan Crimmins, Davidson
2000	Lisa Cutting, Augusta Prep & Jordan Williams, Aquinas
2001	Torrez Wilson, Hephzibah High School
2002	Russ Saul, Davidson
2003	Ashwin Erik Rajendra, Augusta Preparatory Day School
2004	Travys Courtney, Davidson
2005	Susan Davis, Davidson
2006	Sharon Aileen Marie McCoy, Greenbrier High School
2007	Elizabeth Caldwell, Davidson Fine Arts School

#### Teachers

Jana Sandarg, Augusta College
Claire Stracke, Davidson
Terry Meredith, Aquinas
Enrique Vázquez, AR Johnson
Ann Catena, Augusta Prep School
Vanessa Vélez Cruz, Aquinas
Cindy Neal, Glenn Hills
Christy Daniel, Glenn Hills
José Pumarejo, Westside
Helene Rhodes, Lincoln County
Caroline Miklosovic, Davidson
Robert Flannigan, ASU
Peggy Grant, Lucy Laney
Krista Walker, Burke Co. H. S.
Edwin Pérez, Cross Creek H. S.
Elizabeth Emanuelli, Forest Hills E. S.
Mary-Kathleen Blanchard, ASU
Angélica Eubanks, Lakeside H. S.

2008	Matthew Shafer, Augusta Preparatory Day School	Candida Thompson, Academy of Richmond County
2009	Suzanne Schuman, Augusta Christian School	Mallory Millender, Paine College
2010	Justin Durden, Hephzibah High School	DiAnne Johnson, Evans H. S.
2011	Joseph Glass, Augusta Preparatory Day School	Michael Dockery, Greenbrier H. S.

## Middle School Certificates of Merit

For the sixth 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.

## SCOLT/FLAG Conference

Thursday, March 22 - Saturday, March 24, 2012, in Atlanta

[www.FLAGeorgia.org](http://www.FLAGeorgia.org)

[www.scolt.org](http://www.scolt.org)

### Movie Night

Watch a movie in French, German or Spanish!

**Monday, March 12, 2012**

**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Augusta State University**

**Rooms TBA**

**For FLAIR honor society members only**

**Free**

**Teachers will lead a discussion after viewing the film.**

## News from our teachers

Augusta State University welcomes a new part-time instructor in French, **Terry Meredith** (Aquinas High School). We welcome **Sonia Puerta-Quinn** (Episcopal Day School), **Gina Turner** (Augusta Preparatory School) and **Tonya McGowan** (Butler High School) to the FLAIR steering committee.

**Terry Meredith** reports that Aquinas, Augusta Prep and Westminster will be hosting 12 high school students from France during the month of February 2012. The students attend classes and stay with families from the schools. This exchange has been in place since 1994 at Aquinas. Prep and Westminster are joining the exchange this year. The students from the hosting schools are invited to stay with the French families in June 2012.

**Leslie Dawson** (Evans High School) writes that 14 of her French II students are qualified for la Societe Honoraire de Francais. They will be inducted on February 23 along with the new inductees of the Spanish National Honor Society. Leslie will be taking a group of Evans High students on a 10 day tour of France in May. The Evans High School French Club hosted a

French movie night for its members on February 3. French Club members plan to collect gently worn clothing and shoes for the children of La Source, Haiti.

**Shondell Dahm** (North Augusta High School) announced that North Augusta High School is implementing an Honor's Academy that will include having Spanish at the middle school level, both at Paul Knox and North Augusta Middle School.

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

## Hispanic Dance

**Friday, February 17**

**7:00 - 10:00 pm**

Ballroom, Jaguar Student Activities Center, Augusta State University

Deejay and dance instruction.

Admission: \$6 for students. Teachers do not pay.

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

ASU Lyceum Series presents the

**Ballet Folklórico de Antioquia, Colombia**

Saturday, March 10, 2012

7:00 pm

ASU Maxwell Performing Arts Theatre

**Admission:** Reserved seating. Tickets to general public \$20. Children up to 17 years old \$10. ASU students, faculty & staff may obtain one free ticket with a valid ASU JagCard. Holders of free ASU tickets must present their valid JagCard at the door to gain admission.

**Contact Information:** Maxwell Theatre Box Office

Phone: (706) 667-4100 Email: [maxwelltheatre@aug.edu](mailto:maxwelltheatre@aug.edu)

## El Día del Idioma

**Monday, April 16**

**5:00–8:00 pm**

Día del Idioma Contest, directed by Dr. Pedro Hoyos Salcedo

(Details on the contest will be emailed to all FLAIR members in mid March.)

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](http://www.aug.edu)

### Celebrating with FLAIR

In December, Ana Pereira hosted a holiday event at her home for FLAIR teachers. Below are a few photos of faculty enjoying the evening and tantalizing dishes, including a superb paella prepared by her husband, Graham Pereira. Many thanks to Ana and Graham for their gracious hospitality!



## NEEDED!

The Asociación Cultural Hispanoamericana (ACHA) and Los Amigos Hispanos of Augusta State University are co-sponsoring an event, **Día de las Américas**, on Saturday, April 21, from 4-8 pm at the JSAC Ballroom on the ASU campus. **We need your students to be part of the program** – to perform or make a presentation. We are open to all sorts of acts, such as dancing, singing, reciting poetry or other presentations. Please pass this invitation along to your students and ask them to contact Juan “Chichi” Rodríguez, the Director of Events at ACHA. Email him at [juanrodriguez@elcervantino.org](mailto:juanrodriguez@elcervantino.org). Get your students involved!

**\$100 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. Up to five \$100 scholarships will be awarded annually, funds permitting, and a teacher may only receive it once. Email a member of the Steering Committee to apply. No deadline.

**\$250 FLAIR Teacher or Student Study Abroad Scholarships** are available to active FLAIR members. One \$250 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is a member of the FLAIR Honor Society and one \$250 scholarship will be awarded to a teacher studying abroad. Awardees must participate in an organized study abroad program and the funds will be disbursed after receiving official documentation of completion of the program.

### 2012

<b>Feb</b>	17	Hispanic Dance, ASU
	22	“Voices from Augusta & the Francophone World,” ASU Deadline for FLAIR honor society inductees, SOTY & TOTY
	24-26	French Immersion Camp, Rock Eagle
<b>Mar</b>	5	FLAIR Honor Society Induction, ASU
	10	Ballet Folklorico de Antioquia, Colombia, ASU
	12	FLAIR Movie Night for FLAIR honor society members, ASU
	16-18	AATSP-GA Immersion Camp, Hampton, GA
	17	Noche de Puerto Rico, ASU
	22-24	SCOLT/FLAG Conference, Atlanta
<b>Apr</b>	16	Dia del Idioma, ASU
	21	Día de las Américas, ASU
<b>July</b>	7-10	AATSP Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico
<b>Sept</b>	15	AATSP-GA conference, Lawrenceville, GA
<b>Oct</b>	11	FLAIR conference
	12-13	Hispanic Festival
	15	FLAG award nominations due
<b>Nov</b>	16-18	ACTFL Conference, Philadelphia, PA

### 2013

Mar 8-9 FLAG Conference, Augusta

Please email items for the calendar to the editor: [jsandarg@aug.edu](mailto:jsandarg@aug.edu)

## French teachers!

### "Cartooning for Peace" drawing contest.

Your students just have to let their imagination and creativity work, by drawing a press cartoon on the theme of peace and health... The winners will be awarded an Ipad and see their cartoons exhibited at Emory University, along with the work of internationally renowned cartoonists!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for your students with an artistic talent: the **deadline of Friday, February 10** is approaching quickly.

Please, find all the details on this contest in the Bulletin Educatif of December: [www.consulfrance-atlanta.org/spip.php?article3212#eleve2](http://www.consulfrance-atlanta.org/spip.php?article3212#eleve2) Consulate General of France in Atlanta.

Cultural Services of the **French Embassy** offer a number of **grants** to qualified primary and secondary school teachers of French who would like to enhance their knowledge of French culture and improve their language and teaching skills. The deadline to send me your application is **Wednesday February 29, 2012** (and the sooner the better!). Contact the Consulate General of France in Atlanta for the application.

### Poster Contest for students K-12

The Georgia Department of Education is announcing a poster contest for students in grades K-12. Submissions may be in English or Spanish (winners will be awarded in each category at the regional and state levels). Sex Trafficking is a major international problem, and one that has landed in our backyard due to the size of Atlanta's airport and our busy highways. This project fits well into the World Languages and International Education GPS at all levels, and this project could even be added as a class assignment, with the classroom winners going on for regional and state consideration.

**Regional Winners** (English and Spanish):

1st place wins \$100, 2nd place wins \$50, and 3rd place wins \$25. The regional winners will be notified by May 1, 2012.

**State winners** will be announced in December 2012 and will receive \$250

**Deadline:** To be eligible for the contest, all school submissions must be delivered to the appropriate RESA no later than **March 16, 2012**.

## Speak in tongues!

For the second year, North Georgia College and State University will be hosting Georgia's premier language immersion camp and Federal Service Academy. This three week camp provides immersion instruction in beginning **Arabic, Chinese, Korean, German** and **Russian**, as well as advanced **French**. Even if these languages are not taught at your school, there are likely students in your class who are particularly interested in studying languages and cultures, and who would thrive in this innovative language environment. These students would not only learn the basics of a new language, they would also return to your classroom even more engaged and excited about language learning! Details are available at [www.northgeorgia.edu/summeracademy](http://www.northgeorgia.edu/summeracademy).

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

### Minutes of the FLAIR Steering Committee

Thursday, January 19, 2012

The FLAIR steering committee met at 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at Mi Rancho Mexican Restaurant on Washington Road. The following members were present: Julio Avila, Shondell Dahm, Leslie Dawson, Michael Dockery, Essie Febus, Di Johnson, Tonya McGowan, Mallory Millender,

Sandra Moore, Ana Pereira, Edwin Pérez, Christy Presgrove, Sonia Puerta-Quinn, Avita Rivera, Jana Sandarg, and Gina Turner. Jana prepared the agenda and Di volunteered to lead the meeting.

Announcements: We thanked Ana Pereira for hosting our December event; we thanked all the FLAIR members who helped with the tuna; we welcomed Tonya McGowan (Butler HS) and Sonia Puerta-Quinn (Episcopal Day School) to the steering committee; and we congratulated new parents (Pam Light & Shondell Dahm). Jana announced that the Ballet Folklorico de Antioquia, Colombia, will perform at the PAT on March 10<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Lyceum Series at ASU.

Jana asked members to email her news for the newsletter.

Edwin presented the Treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$4,418.82. It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

We will hold a program during Black History Month at ASU. Mallory Millender, Liana Babayan and Eronini Egbujor will serve on a panel to present "Voices from Augusta and the Francophone World." It will take place on Wednesday, Feb 22, at 7 pm, in AHE-158 on the ASU campus. The presentation will be in English and is free and open to the public.

The next agenda item was the FLAIR honor society induction. Jana will update the web page with the latest dates. Mallory Millender agreed to judge the SOTY and Paulette Harris will judge the TOTY. This year we will have two ceremonies. All Richmond County public schools will attend at 8:00 pm and all other schools will attend at 6:00 pm. A reception for both groups will be held at 7:30 pm. For entertainment, Gina Turner will ask the Augusta Prep chorus to sing at the 6 pm ceremony and Ana Pereira will check at her school for entertainment at the 8 pm ceremony. Di will ask a band at her school to play at both ceremonies.

We agreed to give a \$50 gift certificate to a nice restaurant to President Bloodworth, who is retiring July 1, 2012.

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

- Jana: invite President Bloodworth & Dean Clark to give the welcome -- one at each ceremony  
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  
get door prizes  
assist on stage  
get signatures of folks in photos for posting on the webpage
- 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  
take down signs after induction  
assist on stage
- Ana: check on entertainment for 8 pm  
ushering (invite Jr ROTC to be ushers)  
If ROTC cannot participate, Di, Christy & Avita will check at their schools (in that order)
- Di: MC  
present all SOTYs from all schools  
present SOTY & TOTY  
Check on band for entertainment  
assist on stage
- Christy: reception

Leslie: buy SOTY gifts (French, German & Latin), gift bags & tissue  
candelight ceremony at 6 pm  
check in teachers at 8 pm  
+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)

Julio: buy SOTY gifts (Spanish), gift bags & tissue  
decorate stage

Shondell: buy SOTY gifts (Spanish), gift bags & tissue  
candelight ceremony at 8 pm

Tonya: candelight ceremony at 8 pm  
Lead pledge at 8 pm

Gina: check on entertainment (chorus) for 6 pm ceremony  
reception  
check in teachers at 6 pm  
+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)

Avita: photography-- take photos of the SOTY & TOTY & the entertainment  
decorate stage  
lead pledge at 6 pm

Sonia: decorate stage

Terry: assist on stage

Sandra: hand out door prizes to students  
assist on stage

We would like to hold a movie night for FLAIR honor society members only. Jana will find rooms at ASU for Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Terry volunteered to find a French movie; Shondell will provide the French one; and Jana will ask Rob for a movie in German. Jana will put this information in the program for the honor society induction. The event will be free.

We agreed to have a dance-related fall conference, featuring a flamenco group from Atlanta for the Spanish teachers. We will offer the group \$250 plus mileage. Jana has asked David Jahner if he is interested in doing the German, and he is. We will offer him \$100, mileage and hotel. Michael will look for a French group, and we will offer them something similar to the others. We agreed to fund \$1000 for all three groups. We need a title for the conference. Jana will find a place at ASU for Thursday, Oct 11, from 6-8 pm.

We will continue to offer the Middle School Certificate of Merit. The information is on the FLAIR web page.

We set the next steering committee meeting for Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm at Mi Rancho Mexican Restaurant. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Submitted by: Jana Sandarg