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Congratulations to the 2011

FLAIR

Student of the Year

Joseph Glass

Augusta Preparatory School

Teacher of the Year

Michael Dockery

Greenbrier High School



2011 FLAIR Outstanding Students of the Year

Rismerling Bryanna Castillo-Rivera – Spanish, Academy of Richmond County
Christopher Singletary – Latin, Aquinas High School
George Brown – Spanish, A. R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering School
Amy Elizabeth Thorne – Spanish, Augusta Christian School
Joseph David Glass – French, Augusta Preparatory Day School
Susan Rachelle Mathewes – Spanish, CSRA Home Education Association
Kristopher Rodriguez – Spanish, Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School
Whitney Lynne Dixon – Spanish, Edmund Burke Academy
Ashtin Brinkerhoff – Spanish, Evans High School
Kyle Toole – French, Glenn Hills High School
Emma Nicole Shipman – Spanish, Greenbrier High School
Zackary Dennis – Spanish, Hephzibah High School
Carrie Lynn Krebs – Spanish, Strom Thurmond High School
Sara D. Mingleolph – Spanish, T. W. Josey High School
Sydney Price – Spanish, Washington County High School
Lindsay Taylor Williamson – Spanish, Westminster Schools of Augusta
Emily Christine Waller – Spanish, Westside High School

FLAIR Honor Society Program



The students of Noelia Castro from the Academy of Richmond County provided entertainment for the audience at the 2011 FLAIR Honor Society ceremony on March 7th. Students Raven Gatling, Shaqoria Godlock and Patricia Thomas danced a Plena "Santa Maria" from Puerto Rico and Courtney Bennett sang "De colores" and Tyla McCray sang "Cielito lindo."

America's Debt to Haiti



On Tuesday, February 22nd, Dr. Mallory Millender spoke about America's debt to Haiti at Augusta State University. Dr. Millender is a retired professor of French and the college historian of Paine College. In his presentation, he outlined the history of Haiti and the relations between Haiti and the United States. He spoke about politics, race, religion, and languages, as well as Haiti's contributions to world culture. The audience, which included native Haitians, engaged in a lively question and answer session. The talk was sponsored by FLAIR and the Department of English and Foreign Languages at ASU.

China

On Thursday, Jan 27th, at 6:30 pm, FLAIR sponsored a talk on China at Aquinas High School. **Zhang Hui**, the Chinese teacher at the Academy of Richmond County and A. R. Johnson, spoke on modern-day Chinese customs and explained the types of art in China. Her students performed songs in Chinese and one student recited poetry in Chinese. Parents and teachers were very impressed with the fluency and enthusiasm of the students. After the presentation, everyone enjoyed typical Chinese food and drinks.

FLAIR Honor Society Members Enjoy a **Culinary Arts Class**

On Wednesday, March 23, 2011, FLAIR Honor Society members participated in Culinary Arts Class held at Cross Creek High School. **Ana Pereira**, Spanish teacher, and **Craig Oglesby**, culinary arts teacher, hosted the event at Cross Creek High School. Students prepared typical foods from France and Spanish-speaking countries, then held a feast!



Teachers who taught the cooking class were **Julio Avila** (North Augusta High School), **Leslie Dawson** (Evans High School), **Michael Dockery** (Greenbrier High School), **Pam Light** (Strom Thurmond High School), **Sandra Moore** (A. R. Johnson), **Craig Oglesby** (Cross Creek High School), and **Ana Pereira** (Cross Creek High School). Edwin Perez (FLAIR Treasurer) and **Jana Sandarg** (Augusta State University) assisted with the preparations. A big thank you to all the chefs!

Congratulations to



Marisol García-Mitchell

Augusta State University
2011 AATSP-Georgia
University Student of the Year

FLAIR TEACHER GRANTS are available to active FLAIR members who are presenting at a conference, working on a special project, or other similar items. Up to five \$100 teacher grants will be awarded per year, if funding is available, to active FLAIR teachers. Teachers may receive the grant only once. To apply, e-mail Terry Meredith at tmeredith@aquinashigh.org No deadline.

\$250 Student Study Abroad Award

Students who are members of the FLAIR Foreign Language Honor Society are eligible to receive a \$250 award for participating in a study abroad program. Only one award will be awarded per year. They must participate in an organized program and the funds will be disbursed after receiving official documentation of completion of the program. Contact Terry Meredith at tmeredith@aquinashigh.org

\$250 Teacher Study Abroad Award

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In the News

Di Johnson (Evans High School) was chosen Evan's High School's Star Teacher for 2011. She also took 11 Spanish students to the immersion camp sponsored by AATSP-GA. Her students received awards for best in family, speaking competition, traje típico, and best in camp. **Christy Presgrove** (Greenbrier High School) also took students to the immersion camp, and they also received many awards. Christy is the current president of the AATSP-GA chapter, and Di is the president-elect.

Leslie Dawson (Evans High School), sponsor the French Club, oversaw a service project this year. The French Club collected a large quantity of gently worn clothes for the children of La Source, Haiti. A group of students and chaperones (mostly from Augusta Christian School) delivered the clothes while on a mission trip there over spring break.

Terry Meredith (Aquinas High School) reports that February 2011 marked the 17th year of the exchange between Aquinas High School and St Denis International School in Loches, France. Between 10 and 15 students spend the month of February with Aquinas families. The students from France receive a schedule and attend classes at Aquinas. On the weekends, families often choose to take trips to Charleston, Savannah or Atlanta. Some students have been invited to go skiing with youth groups and to Disney world on family vacations. The parents of the French and American families often talk on SKYPE and form their own friendships! Aquinas students are invited to visit the families in France in the summer. These international friendships can span the decades. Everyone learns a lot and has fun.

Georgia TESOL Conference

Sept 16-17, 2011, Augusta, Georgia www.georgiatesol.wildapricot.org

Señorita Latina Contest

Information was sent this spring about the Señorita Latina Contest sponsored by the Asociación Cultural Hispanoamericana (ACHA). Please encourage your students to participate! For more information, contact Edwin Pérez at tahino@hotmail.com.

Los Amigos Hispanos y ACHA te invitan a un festival celebrando

Noche suramericana: la independencia de

Argentina 

Colombia 

Perú 

Venezuela 

Música, películas, comida, baile libre

Grupo Folklórico

Por favor, llevar un plato hispano para compartir o hacer una donación monetaria.

sábado, 16 de julio, 2011

4:00 – 8:00 pm

JSAC Ballroom, Augusta State University

For more information, contact Victor Granda: vgranda@aug.edu

2011

July 6-9 AATSP Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
Sept 16-17 TESOL Conference, Augusta
24 AATSP-GA Conference, Athens
Oct 6 FLAIR Conference, ASU
8-9 Hispanic Festival, Augusta
Nov 17-20 ACTFL Conference, Denver, CO

2012

Mar TBA FLAIR Honor Society Induction, ASU
22-24 SCOLT/FLAG Conference, Atlanta
July 7-10 AATSP Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Nov 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

Certificates of Merit for Middle Schoolers

For the fifth year, FLAIR awarded Certificates of Merit to middle school students who have maintained an A average for a year and a half of foreign language study. We hope they will join the FLAIR Honor Society when they reach high school. Congratulations to the students from the CSRA Home School Alliance!

Minutes of the FLAIR Steering Committee

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

The FLAIR steering committee met at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at Mi Rancho Mexican Restaurant on Washington Road. The following members were present: Liana Babayan, Leslie Dawson, Rita Deuber, Michael Dockery, Essie Febus, Di Johnson, Frederic Leveziel, Pam Light, Edwin Pérez, Christy Presgrove, Avita Rivera, and Jana Sandarg. Jana introduced Dr. Liana Babayan, the new French professor at ASU. Liana, Rita Deuber and Avita Rivera have joined the steering committee, and we gave them a warm welcome. Jana prepared the agenda and Frederic volunteered to lead the meeting.

Edwin presented the Treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$7,312.84, which includes two additional deposits that have been made since the April bank statement. Only one school still needs to make a payment for the FLAIR honor society induction. It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

We discussed the honor society induction for next year and agreed we'd like to keep it at ASU. Jana will check to see if we can use the gym at the Christenberry Fieldhouse. If not, we will keep the induction at the PAT and have two ceremonies the same night.

The cooking class for FLAIR honor society members was successful, but we decided that next year we'd hold a movie night at ASU.

Five tunos from the University of Salamanca tuna will come in October to play for the FLAIR conference, the ASU Spanish club and the Hispanic festival. We will cover airfare for four of them; the fifth will pay his own airfare. FLAIR agreed to give \$2000.00. Edwin will ask if ACHA can cover \$2500. ACHA may be able to find lodging downtown from sponsors. We will need to feed them and provide transportation. ACHA meets June 11 and Edwin will let us know after the meeting. Frederic will inform the tunos so they can buy their tickets.

FLAG will hold its annual conference in Augusta in March 2013. We agreed to stuff FLAG bags, donate \$50 in door prizes, provide FLAIR post-its and pens, and find local vendors to sell their items at the conference.

The GA TESOL conference is Sept 16-17, 2011, in Augusta. We will announce it in the FLAIR newsletter and encourage teachers to attend. We will also look for entertainment for the conference. Michael Dockery said his son's band might be able to play. Everyone will check and let Jana know.

Jana will resend the Srta Latina contest information in August to all Spanish teachers. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jana Sandarg