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**Thank YOU
for joining us!**



Our 2017 Regional Conference was a huge success! Thank you to all of our vendors, presenters and participants—we couldn't have done it without YOU! The WNYFLEC board hopes that you had a wonderful day with us, and that you gained fresh, new ideas to bring to your classroom for the rest of the year!

A special congratulations goes to Marie Campanaro, Peggy Lucero, Karen Young, Amanda Boos, Kristina Strauss, Rebecca Cefaratti, Sandy Rosa and Sheri Green who were all winners of our raffle at the conference! Thank you to all who participated in our raffle—we were able to make a generous contribution to the NYSAFLT \$100K for 100 Years Initiative!



**WNYFLEC's S.T.A.R. (Student, Teacher and Recognition)
AWARDS PROGRAM**

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Join us on June 7, 2017 as we honor Outstanding Foreign Language Students (nominated by their teachers), WNYFLEC Poster Contest Winners, and WNYFLEC Award Winners (teachers nominated by their peers)

The purpose of the S.T.A.R. program is to honor outstanding foreign language students and their teachers. The awards program is intended for these students, their parents, and their teachers. Teaching members of WNYFLEC make the student award nominations, while any member of WNYFLEC may nominate a peer or associate for a WNYFLEC professional award.

NOMINATION:

Any teacher who is a WNYFLEC member may nominate students to participate in this awards program. In the past, we have invited teachers to nominate up to 3 students. However, *please feel free to nominate as many students as you feel is appropriate.* To nominate, the teacher must do the following by **APRIL 22nd**:

- 1) Complete & mail the enclosed nomination form (see page 5).
- 2) Send a check payment with the form to cover the cost of the banquet.

For more details about the awards program, see page 4.

From the Board . . .



Greetings WNYFLEC Members!

Spring is now officially here! With April around the corner, the end of the school year is in sight. That also means it will soon be time for the 10th Annual WNYFLEC STAR Awards. As in the past, this year's ceremony will be held at Michael's Banquet Facility in Hamburg on Wednesday, June 7th. If you haven't already given thought to the students you plan to nominate, now is the time! There is no better way to advocate for the importance of World Languages than by participating in the WNYFLEC STAR Awards. Take time to recognize your students that stand out for their superior achievement in World Languages and/or their high interest in learning about other cultures.

There are 2 ways to nominate students. You can use the WNYFLEC online nomination form to submit your information and PayPal payment electronically. The other option is to print out the nomination form and submit it along with a check through the regular mail. The deadline for nominations is April 22nd. This allows time for families to respond to the invitations I send out in a timely manner.

There is no limit to the number of students you can nominate. The nomination fee is \$5 per student, which does not include the banquet fee if the student attends the ceremony. Parents are responsible for the meal costs. The teacher fee is \$18 if attending. If for some reason you are not available to attend the ceremony, please still consider nominating your students. They deserve it! We look forward to seeing you and your students on June 7th!

Finally, I'd like to wish our members the best for a fantastic finish to their school year!

With warmest regards,

Julie Aguglia

WNYFLEC 3rd Vice-President

PROFESSIONAL CALENDAR : 2016—2017

EVENT	DATE	SITE / INFORMATION
WNYFLEC S.T.A.R. (Student, Teacher and Recognition) Award Nominations Due	April 22, 2017	Due to Julie Aguglia See pages 4 & 5 for details, or visit wnyflec.org
NYSAFLT Spring Conference, co- sponsored with ALOUD (Association of Language Teachers of Or- ange, Ulster, Dutchess, and Surrounding	May 6, 2017	Marist College Poughkeepsie, NY Go to nysaflt.org for more info
WNYFLEC S.T.A.R. Ceremony	June 7, 2017	Michael's Banquet Facility 4885 Southwestern Blvd. Hamburg, NY 14075
NYSAFLT Summer Institute <i>World Languages: Adventure Awaits</i>	August 8-11, 2017	SUNY Oneonta, Oneonta, NY Go to nysaflt.org for more info
NYSAFLT 100th Annual Conference <i>Harnessing the Power of Languages for the Next 100 Years</i>	October 20-21, 2017	Niagara Falls, NY Stay tuned for more info!



We're looking for our members!



Have you, or someone you know, changed their email or their name recently? Please update your contact information, especially if you are a lifetime member!

Send any updated information to Membership Chair Mark Critelli at membership@wnyflec.org or Corresponding Secretary Megan Fleck at mfleck@wnyflec.org.

We will update our files, so that everyone can receive newsletters, and important listserv notifications.

Don't just belong—contact any Board Member via email to volunteer a helping hand!

WNYFLEC S.T.A.R. AWARDS PROGRAM

June 7, 2017 6:00 PM
Michael's Banquet Facility
4885 Southwestern Boulevard, Hamburg, NY 14075

(See below for driving directions)

PROCESS:

- 1) Teacher nominates student(s) by completing enclosed form and including with payment.
- 2) WNYFLEC Board sends letter to parents inviting them to the Awards Program (RSVP must be returned to attend).
- 3) If a student cannot attend, a certificate will be sent to the teacher to give to the student on WNYFLEC's behalf.
- 4) Nominating teachers should plan on attending, and will be included in the banquet ceremony.
- 5) Nominated students will receive public recognition and a certificate. Students may attend the dinner and invite family members or friends at an additional cost (\$18 per person).
- 6) Teachers or professional associates nominated for WNYFLEC awards will be honored this evening as well.

CRITERIA:

A student should be selected for nomination based on **any or all** of the following criteria:

- 1) Outstanding achievement in the foreign language.
- 2) Outstanding effort.
- 3) Appreciation of the value of studying other languages and cultures.
- 4) Interest in pursuing foreign language study further.

The **S.T.A.R. Awards** ceremony places more of a focus on our outstanding colleagues and the outstanding foreign language students out there—not necessarily the students with sky-high averages, but the ones who show up every day, who are interested in World Languages and who try their best, even if they're not Honor Roll students.

NOTE:

You may nominate as many students as you would like (\$5 per student to nominate). The cost for dinner for an attending teaching is \$18.

Directions to Michael's Banquet Facility for the S.T.A.R. AWARDS PROGRAM—June 7 at 6:00 p.m.

From the Northtowns:

Take the 90 West, get off at Exit 57 Hamburg ****Pay Toll** and immediately veer right and head North onto Rt 75 (Camp Rd).
 At your first intersection, Rt 75 and Rt 20 (Southwestern), turn Right (there is a Mobil Gas Station and a Ford Dealership on the right corner).

Michael's is just one mile down, on the right.

From the Southtowns:

Take the 90 East, get off at Exit 57 Hamburg. **** Pay Toll** and immediately veer right and head North onto Rt 75 (Camp Rd).
 At your first intersection, Rt 75 and Rt 20 (Southwestern), turn Right (there is a Mobil Gas Station and a Ford Dealership on the right corner).

Michael's is just one mile down, on the right.

WNYFLEC S.T.A.R. Nomination Form

Please print all information and return this form by April 22nd to the following address:

Julie Aguglia
61 Pamela Court
West Seneca, NY 14224

Teacher Name: _____
School Name: _____
School Address: _____
School Email Address: _____
Phone #: (day) _____ (evening) _____

****You may nominate as many students for the S.T.A.R. awards banquet as you feel is appropriate. Please include the following information for any additional students on the back of this form****

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
Name of Parent(s)/Guardian (s): _____
Home Address: _____
Town: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone #: _____

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Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
Name of Parent(s)/Guardian (s): _____
Home Address: _____
Town: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone #: _____

Number of Nominated Students: _____ @ \$5/student \$ _____

**** (Note: Parents of students are responsible for remainder of cost if attending)****

Teacher cost if attending awards ceremony: \$18 \$ _____

Total Payment: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: WNYFLEC

An online nomination form is also available on our website: wnyflec.org

WNYFLEC POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

WHAT: Each year, WNYFLEC sponsors a poster contest for National Foreign Language week, in which it recognizes a Grand Prize Winner, as well as winners in various categories. Only students of WNYFLEC members are eligible to enter.

THEME: "Foreign Language: The Global Connection!"

**The winners for this year's contest, as announced at the
2017 Regional Conference, are:**

Grand Prize Winner: (receives \$50, a certificate of participation, and also has the original poster framed and duplicated for distribution to area foreign language teachers)

Alexandra Meisner, Grade 7, Orchard Park Middle School
(teacher: Mary Ellen Gianturco)

Grade K-5 Division Winner: (Receives \$25 and a certificate of participation)

Lila Hanson, Grade 5, Mill Middle School
(teacher: Ann Louise Cirelli)

Grade 6-8 Division Winner: (Receives \$25 and a certificate of participation)

Claire Atkinson, Grade 7, Orchard Park Middle School
(teacher: Janine Hrcak)

Grade 9-12 Division Winner: (Receives \$25 and a certificate of participation)

Piriya Balachandran, Grade 10, Williamsville North High School
(teacher: Marie Swartzwelder)

Congratulations to our winners and all participants!



WESTERN NEW YORK FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATOR'S COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Note: YOU MUST BE A WNYFLEC OR NYSAFLT MEMBER TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT DISCOUNTED RATES

(Membership runs on the calendar year: January - December)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Language(s) Taught: _____

School District: _____

or College/University _____

*E-Mail: _____

(*An email address must be provided, and kept current, to ensure receipt of electronic newsletter delivery)

Please check this box if any of your information is new.

NEW

RENEWAL

College Student (provide proof of full time schedule) \$ 12.00

Regular Member \$ 25.00

Retired Member \$ 12.00

Lifetime Member \$155.00

Please consider making a donation to WNYFLEC to help support one or more of the following scholarship funds:

Anthony Papalia Award (tuition assistance) \$ _____

Teacher Incentive Grant (project-based funding) \$ _____

Humanitarian Award (to fund philanthropic efforts) \$ _____

General Scholarship (divided equally among awards) \$ _____

ENTER TOTAL PAYMENT HERE: \$ _____

(Total payment should reflect member fee plus any donations, if applicable)

WNYFLEC is an organization made up of volunteer members who care. Please visit us online at www.wnyflec.org and register to volunteer on a committee (or on an "as-needed" basis). Your talents are needed to help LOTE flourish in our area!

Check the newsletter or website for information on upcoming events to see where help is needed - ANY time you can give would go a long way in promoting Foreign Language in Western New York.

For U.S. Mail: Send checks, payable to **WNYFLEC**, along with this form to:
 Mark Critelli ♦ 37 Tilegate Glen ♦ Fairport ♦ NY ♦ 14450

NYS AFLT NEWS

Here are a few reminders about NYS AFLT from your Western Regional Director, Megan Fleck:

URGENT: Your Action is Required!

You may have heard in the news recently that in its budget blueprint, the Trump Administration calls for the reduction and elimination of programs supporting world languages. Please contact your elected officials to make your voice heard!

* *Would you like to spend the summer brushing up on your language skills? Consider applying for a **Teacher Travel Grant!** Deadlines are approaching for many NYS AFLT teacher and student awards. Check out the NYS AFLT members page and nominate your colleagues and students for our numerous possibilities or awards.*

*The NYS AFLT Spring Conference will be held **May 6th** at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY. This year's theme is *World Languages: S.T.E.A.M.-ing Ahead*. For more information, and to register, go to www.nysaflt.org/spring-conference/.

*The NYS AFLT Summer Institute will be held on **August 8-11** at SUNY Oneonta. Consider joining us for this "Summer Camp for Language Teachers"! The theme for this Institute is *World Languages: Adventure Awaits*. More information will be coming soon to www.nysaflt.org/summer-conference/.

*Mark your calendars for **October 20-21**: The 100th Annual Conference in *Niagara Falls!* The centennial festivities will include a gala reunion banquet on October 19th as a fundraiser for the 100K for 100 Years sustaining fund, in addition to the conference taking place October 20-21. Stay tuned for many more exciting details!

*Can you believe that NYS AFLT is turning 100?! Please consider making a donation to the 100K for 100 Years sustaining fund—help us support another century of Language Teachers and Learners! Go to 100k.nysaflt.org for more information, or to make your donation today!

*The 2016/2017 Webinar Series is coming to a close! Our last webinar will take place on **May 10** at 7:00 pm, and will feature Todd Bowen and Amanda Seewald. Our presenters are experienced language advocates, and will discuss the topic *Speaking Out for Languages: Leading the Way*. **Don't forget:** Webinars are FREE for all current NYS AFLT Members!





WWW.WNYFLEC.ORG

- Not sure what WNYFLEC is up to? Log on to **www.wnyflec.org** for all your up-to-date information about the organization.
 - Want to help WNYFLEC at the Regional Conference or other events throughout the year? Fill out our *Volunteer Form*, located on the Volunteer page at **www.wnyflec.org**.
 - Can't remember what was mentioned in the newsletter? Visit the *Newsletter* page at **www.wnyflec.org**.
 - Need to contact one of the Board Members? Visit the *Board Directory* page on **www.wnyflec.org** to get in touch with any Board Member.
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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!!

It's hard to believe, but it's already March! Remember that WNYFLEC Memberships expire December 31st of each year, unless you are a Lifetime member. So, if you haven't renewed your membership for 2015, it's time for you to do so!

If you are NOT a Lifetime member you must renew your membership TODAY to remain in good standing. Don't delay—renew today!

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Poster Contest

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See you on June 3rd!

NOMINATE colleagues
for professional awards by
March 30th, and students
for STAR awards by April
25th!!

Don't forget to



Introduce a colleague
to WNYFLEC today,
and re-new your
Membership!
Membership Form
can be found on
wnyflec.org.

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