

APPLES Spring 2018 Newsletter

Message from the president



Dear APPLES Members:

I hope your spring semester is well underway!

While it may be preaching to the choir, given the readership of this newsletter, recently there have been some interesting headlines about the benefits of learning languages. This is no secret to us, but science and research continue to demonstrate these benefits.

Recently, scientists from the University of Luxembourg found that brain regions associated with visual processing are activated in bilingual people when solving math problems in their second language—something that’s not seen in monolinguals. This finding has lifelong implications.

Compared to people who speak one language, adults who speak multiple languages are more likely to:

- have higher general intelligence
- be better at planning, prioritizing, and decision-making
- score higher on standardized math, reading, and vocabulary tests
- be more perceptive of their surroundings
- avoid falling for marketing hype
- understand others’ points of view
- have better focus, concentration, and attention
- delay immediate gratification in the pursuit of long-term goals
- have better memory and memorization skills, including better working memory
- exhibit mental flexibility
- switch between tasks quickly
- be creative
- have good listening skills

Source: <https://bebrainfit.com/brain-benefits-learning-second-language/>

The benefits of learning a second language are well-documented. In addition to the article described above, here are a few others – read on, and share with your students, parents and colleagues!

Building Bilingual Brains: <https://academicminute.org/2018/01/naja-ferjan-ramirez-university-of-washington-building-bilingual-brains/>

Brains of bilingual people solve math problems differently: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/next/body/brains-of-bilingual-people-solve-math-problems-differently/>

Why AI Translation doesn’t mean you should stop learning languages: <https://blog.memrise.com/2017/12/27/why-ai-translation-doesnt-mean-you-should-stop-learning-languages/>

Sincerely,

Christina Huhn
APPLES president

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Important dates/deadlines

Language Festival	Sat, March 24
Millersville Summer Camp applications	Sun, April 15
Torzok Scholarship applications	Sun, April 15
Executive Board Meeting	TBD



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literatures
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tive

IUP Spring Methodology Conference on Foreign Language Teaching Friday, April 20, 2018

The IUP Spring Methodology Conference will take place on Friday, April 20, 2018 at the Kovalchick Conference Center on the IUP campus. The keynote speaker will be ACTFL 2014 Teacher of the year

Linda Egnatz.
For more information please click here: <http://www.chss.iup.edu/spanish/methodsconf/index.html>

APPLES Spring 2018



Linda Egnatz

2018 Keynote Speaker

2014 ACTFL teacher of the year



APPLES Scholarship Opportunities

Each year, APPLES offers a \$500.00 scholarship to a student of an APPLES member who plans to pursue language(s) in post-secondary education. Additionally, a scholarship to the Millersville Language Camp is available. Please consider having your students apply for these great opportunities. See pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter for applications for both scholarships.



Millersville Language Camp
Applications are due by
Sunday, April 15, 2018.

Torzok Scholarship Applications are due by
Sunday, April 15, 2018.



Volunteers are needed for the

**APPLES
LANGUAGE
FESTIVAL**

Contact

**Jason Killam:
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Appalachian Professional Language Educators' Society

29th annual

Foreign Language Festival

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Indiana University of Pennsylvania



2018 MEMBERSHIP

APPLES
Appalachian Professional Language Educators' Society

Regular APPLES dues are just \$15.00 for each calendar year (and just \$7.50 for students). If you have never joined APPLES, we'd like to have you join our local team! Any dues received now would be counted for calendar year 2018.

Each year, we also offer a \$500.00 scholarship to a student of an APPLES member who plans to pursue language(s) in post-secondary education. Thus, please consider donating to the Yvonne Torzok Scholarship Fund in an amount of your choice as well, AND ENCOURAGE YOUR SENIORS TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP!

Form with fields: Name, School, Home Address, School Address, Home Phone, School Phone, Email Address(es), Language(s)/Level(s) Taught

Table with 4 columns: Payment, checkbox (if applicable), amount, and notes. Rows include APPLES Dues, Torzok Scholarship, and TOTAL.

* APPLES membership provides your students the opportunity to apply for scholarships and to participate in the annual Foreign Language Festival.

Send dues to:

Kevin Buynack, Treasurer
Central High School
718 Central High Road
Martinsburg, PA 16662
(814) 793-2111 Ext. 5406
kbuynack@springcovesd.org

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Year: 20 _____ Check Number _____ Amount \$ _____ Date ____/____/____



**Yvonne Torzok Memorial Scholarship for Foreign Languages
Sponsored by APPLES (Appalachian Professional Language Educators' Society)**

Name (last, first, middle)	Home address
Home telephone () -	Name of high school
High school telephone () -	High school address
Grade point average	Name of college or university applicant plans to attend (fall 2018)
Name/signature of school counselor	Recommended by...APPLES member's name/signature

Different foreign languages studied	Length of time studied	Grade level(s) of lang. study (circle)	Average language grade average
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3.		9 10 11 12	

School activities		

Have you participated in the APPLES Foreign Language Festival? (Circle one.)	Yes / No List any awards you won at the Festival.

Write an essay of 250-300 words, typed and double-spaced, on a separate sheet of paper in your language of study. Please be sure to state how you think you will use foreign languages in your future. (There may not be teacher assistance in the composition of the target-language essay.) Please include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, a counselor, or a principal.

To be eligible for this \$500 scholarship, you must be a senior in high school, must have studied at least one foreign language for three years, must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0, must continue the study of a foreign language at a college or a university, and must be a U.S. citizen. Your language teacher must be a current member of APPLES to recommend you.



APPLICATION FOR APPLES SUMMER STUDY SCHOLARSHIP

July 29 - August 4, 2018

Applicants must be 15-18 years of age and must have completed at least two years of a single world language. German may be an exception to this rule; please contact Dr. Yolanda Broad (724-463-9827). The application, essay (see below), teacher recommendation, and parent/guardian statement/signature (see below) must be submitted in the same envelope and postmarked no later than **April 15, 2018**. Send to Dr. Yolanda Broad, 215 N. 4th St., Indiana, PA 15701. Contact the camp director at Millersville University, Millersville, PA 17551 for information and brochure about and application to the camp itself. Phone: 717-872- 3526. Website: <http://www.millersville.edu/forlang/hscamps.php>

Name (last, first, middle)	Home address	Overall grade point average / Language grade point average
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Home telephone	Name of high school	Where and when did you study your language(s)?
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Student's home email address	High school address	Current grade (year) in school
Date of birth / Age as of July 31, 2018	Language(s) studied (circle) / Current language level (circle)	Millersville program desired summer 2018 (circle)
/ / / _____ years old	French / I II III IV V VI+ German / I II III IV V VI+ Spanish / I II III IV V VI+	French German Spanish
Gender (circle)	Are you a native speaker of this/these language(s) (circle)?	Recommended by...Language teacher/current APPLES member's name/signature
M F	Yes No	
Have you ever visited a non-English-speaking country (circle)? (*If yes, describe your experience below.)	Scholarship(s)/award(s) received and year(s) received	High school telephone (of APPLES member teacher)
Yes No		() -

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On a separate sheet, in your chosen target language, state your reasons for applying for this scholarship (maximum of 250 words typed). This must be entirely the applicant's work with no assistance from any teacher or other person. If chosen as a recipient of the APPLES Summer Scholarship, you must decide within ten days of notification whether or not to accept the scholarship. Your acceptance implies that you will use the award as stipulated in the award description and that you will comply with all program regulations. Additionally, a written report of your experience is required at the end of the scholarship period. APPLES also requests that you attend a meeting during the following year and give a short talk on your experience. I have read and accept the conditions of application. **PLEDGE:** I shall abide by the rules to speak no language other than the target language during all camp activities, including meals. I understand that this is an important part of my language immersion experience. I will participate in all activities planned during the camp.

CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK BY PARENT/GUARDIAN: I, as parent or guardian of the above-named student/participant, give my permission for him/her to participate in the **2018** Language High School Camp at Millersville University. I also give my son/daughter permission to go on any supervised excursion trip(s) as part of the Language Camp. I realize injuries can be a consequence of recreational activities, and no amount of reasonable supervision or use of the facility will prevent injury. I accept this risk and allow my child to participate in a language program that may include recreational sports activities.

Signature of student (applicant)	Date	Signature of parent/guardian	Date
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