

APPLES Fall 2020 Newsletter



Message from the president

GREETINGS!

I hope everyone is as well as one can be in our chaotic upside-down world! As I read the various articles and messages that pass my computer screen, I continue to be impressed at our teachers' stamina, creativity, energy and focus as they continue to help students develop language and cultural knowledge - despite the microphone being muted for the 100th time, the video camera refusing to turn on and the internet icon spinning and spinning with nothing happening.

And yet, students respond and show growth and proficiency development, even in times of chaos and unrest. In years to come, what teachers do now, during a pandemic and tumultuous times, is what students will remember and pass on to their children and grandchildren.

A giant KUDOS to all our World Language Teachers and all you do!

Within this newsletter, you will find information about our first -ever online Fall Workshop. I hope to see many of you there!

Christina Huhn, PhD
APPLES President

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**Appalachian Language
Educators' Society
31st annual
Foreign Language Festival**
Saturday, March 20, 2021
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Important dates/deadlines

APPLES Online Fall Workshop	Sat., Oct. 3, 2020
Business Meeting	Wed., Jan. 6, 2021
Language Festival	Sat., March 20, 2021
Torzok Scholarship deadline	Thu., April 15, 2021
IUP Methodology Conference	Fri., April 16, 2021

*Just \$15 APPLES Annual dues!
\$7.50 for students (with ID)*

E-PORTFOLIOS AND ACTFL CAN-DO STATEMENTS



PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer Campbell

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Jennifer Campbell is in her 17th year of teaching at Manheim Central High School in Lancaster County, PA. She holds a German teaching certification, a Master's degree in German, and an Instructional Technology Specialist (PK-12). Professionally, she is active with a local organization, Association of World Language Educators (AWLE) and her local chapter of AATG and has presented at several professional conferences, including PSMLA, AWLE & AATG.

**October 3, 2020
8:45 am - 12:00 noon
APPLES Membership Meeting
12 noon - 1:00 pm**

REGISTER HERE!

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ACT 48 may be available for current PSMLA Members



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FALL WORKSHOP AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The fall APPLES general membership meeting will be held this year on **Saturday, October 3** from **8:30 am – 12 noon**. This workshop will occur in a Virtual Environment, and the ZOOM link will be shared upon registration.

Workshop summary

Attendees will explore how to incorporate student reflection using the ACTFL Can-Do Statements, as well as the process of creating student e-portfolios that demonstrate what students “can do” in the target language through a collection of artifacts and self-reflection.

Membership

If you are not currently a member of APPLES or *have not paid your current dues*, you ***must*** include that money, and you may also include any donation you wish to make to the Yvonne Torzok Scholarship Fund as well. (Each year we offer a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating student of an APPLES member who plans to pursue languages in post-secondary education, ***so please donate and encourage your students to apply for the scholarship!***) Please note that all membership dues (\$15.00/teacher; \$7.50/student) are for the calendar year, so, if you pay now, you will have paid dues from now through the end of the upcoming calendar year.

Tentative Schedule

8:30 – 8:45	Registration and introductions
8:45	Welcome and Opening remarks Dr. Christina Huhn, APPLES President
9:00 - 12:00	E-Portfolios and ACTFL Can-Do Statements
12:00 -1:00 pm	Wrap up Discussion and program evaluations APPLES Fall General Membership Meeting (all new and current members welcome!)

About the Torzok Scholarship

Though the background of this APPLES scholarship can be found on the APPLES weebly page <https://applescollaborative.weebly.com>, perhaps this is the time and place for a reminder of - or an introduction to - what it's all about. Yvonne Torzok's words and intent speak to us today. Let us carry on the message.

Yvonne was born near Paris and arrived in the US in 1945 as a war bride. She studied at IUP and eventually became a teacher of French and Spanish in the Homer Center School District. She was very involved with her students and with the formation of APPLES. After her death in 1990, the annual scholarship (currently \$500) was established through APPLES. Applications are sought in the spring from graduating students of APPLES members who plan to continue foreign language study at a college/university. According to Yvonne, "Kids and people everywhere have the same goals in life - peace and a happy home. I try to show my students how people can get along. That's what language is all about."

So how is the scholarship funded? After its inception, the fund continues as you support it through the scholarship contribution option on the APPLES membership application/renewal form. More recently, the APPLES general fund has contributed to it in part.

So there it is. Yvonne Torzok's goal - to make students see the common concerns which all people share, despite differences in language and culture - is something we all share and promote.

**The 2021
IUP Spring
Methodology
Conference
on Foreign
Language
Teaching:
Friday,
April 16, at
the Chestnut
Ridge Golf
Resort &
Conference
Center**

The 2021 IUP Spring Methodology Conference on Foreign Language Teaching!

The 2021 IUP Spring Methodology Conference on Foreign Language Teaching (IUPSMCoFLT) is set for Friday, April 16, at the Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort & Conference Center ([132 Pine Ridge Rd, Blairsville PA 15717](#)). The keynote speaker is Dr. Eileen Glisan, Distinguished Professor Emeritus from IUP.

In addition to the keynote address, the conference offers sessions featuring exciting topics that will promote reflection on teaching and direct application to the classroom. Cost of registration includes a buffet lunch. See our conference website for the full conference program, registration and ACT 48 forms,

lodging information, and more: www.iupmethodologyconference.com For questions, contact Dr. Jean-Louis Dassier (dassier@iup.edu). We hope to see you in April! Share this message with a colleague!

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APPLES Winter Executive Board Meeting

The APPLES Business Meeting will meet on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 (snow make-up date: Wed. Jan. 13) at Spaghetti Benders on Philadelphia St. in Indiana, PA. All APPLES members are welcome to attend. For more information regarding the meeting or to RSVP, please contact APPLES president Christina Huhn via e-mail. Her address is: huhn@iup.edu.



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
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High school telephone	High school address
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Grade point average	Name of college or university applicant plans to attend (fall 2021)
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
1.		9 10 11 12	
2.		9 10 11 12	
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.



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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 from now through the end of calendar year 2021.

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!**

APPLES has instituted a **retired members'** lifetime membership opportunity! If you have retired, we would like to offer you a **free lifetime membership in APPLES**. All we ask is that you continue to update your contact information annually with us. Of course, if you are interested in helping out in some way, especially toward the Torzok Scholarship, we still welcome your donation.

Name:	School: or (circle) Retired
Home Address:	School Address:
Home Phone:	School Phone:
Email Address(es):	Language(s)/Level(s) Taught:

<i>Payment:</i>	✓ if applica- ble		
APPLES Dues		\$15.00, \$7.50, or \$0 (circle)	Calendar Year – \$15.00 (teachers), \$7.50 (students), or free (retired only)
Torzok Scholar- ship		\$	
TOTAL		\$	Make checks payable to APPLES .

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