



Message from the President:

Greetings, APPLES members!

Thanks to all who helped make the Spring 2023 APPLES Festival a success! Mark your calendars for March 23, 2024 for the Spring 2024 APPLES festival, held again on the IUP campus!

With all the news lately of cuts to World Language Programs – despite the increasing demand for employees with functional language skills – language study remains alive and well among students within our APPLES Collaborative!

APPLES was able to award three Torzok language study scholarships this spring. Congratulations to:

- **Cael Deavor**, Spanish, Central High School, Teacher: Louise Wilson (\$500)
- **Maya Hazenstab**, Spanish, Central High School, Teacher: Louise Wilson (\$500)
- **Isaiah Payne**, Spanish, Greensburg-Salem High School, Teacher: Tammy Lyons (\$500)

In 2022, Pennsylvania adopted the state Seal of Biliteracy. This recognition allows students to demonstrate their language proficiency through testing.

In our region, students have earned a Seal of Biliteracy either through their district award, the PA Seal of Biliteracy, or the Global Seal of Biliteracy.

Hollidaysburg offered a District Seal of Biliteracy along with the Global Seal of Biliteracy:

HAHS Biliteracy Award

- **Neo Chen**, Mandarin Chinese
- **Nina Meadows**, Spanish
- **Allison Melbinger**, French
- **William Zhu**, German
- **Evelyn Tang**, Mandarin Chinese

Global Seal of Biliteracy

- **Rebecca Borowski**, German
- **Juliana Corenjo**, Portuguese
- **Gavin Ross**, Spanish

For a full story on their efforts, read more in [this article in the Altoona Mirror](#)



Greater Latrobe:

Celina Chen, Chinese

For a full story on Greater Latrobe awards, read more in [this article in the Latrobe Bulletin](#).

Greensburg-Salem:

PA Seal of Biliteracy, GS Seal of Biliteracy, AND Global Seal of Biliteracy

Rachel Leo, Spanish
Isaiah Payne, Spanish
Kayla Wright, Spanish

GS Seal of Biliteracy and Global Seal of Biliteracy

Ashley Smith, Spanish

GS Seal of Biliteracy and PA Seal of Biliteracy

Tori Jones, French
Ian Bortz, French

GS Seal of Biliteracy

Dannelle Shean, Spanish
Mykayla Sproat, French
Elizabeth Houston, French
Lorelei Damico, French

Additionally **Isaiah Payne (Greensburg-Salem)** has been recognized by the [Language Connects Foundation](#), which awards merit-based funding to graduating high school seniors committed to pursuing the language teaching profession in languages other than English. Scholars receive an award of \$1,500 per academic year, renewable to a cumulative total of \$6,000 per recipient, as well as complimentary ACTFL membership throughout their participation in the program and for one year upon graduation and entry into the field. He will be attending Washington and Jefferson College.



It is through the work of all our excellent APPLES teachers that we can see the success of all of our students; clearly language study is alive and well in Western Pennsylvania!

Important Dates for 2024:

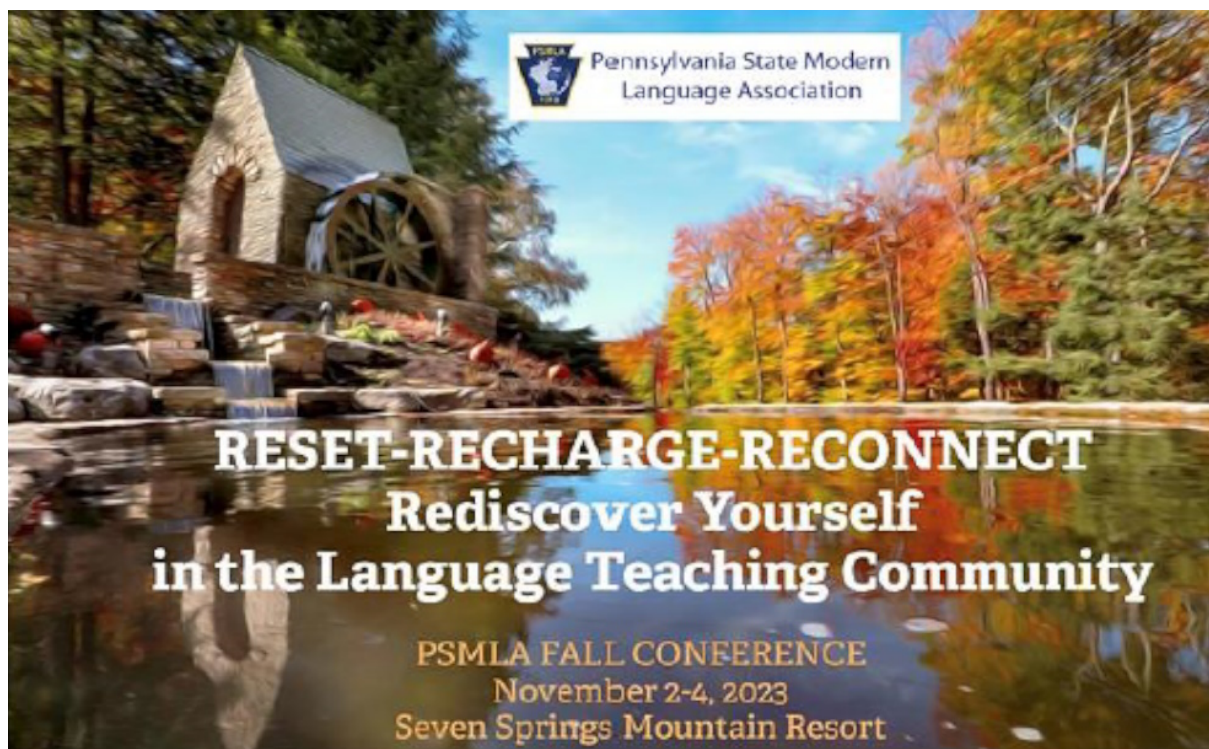
- APPLES Business meeting: January 10 (or 17 if needed)
- Registration due for the Language Festival: Friday, March 1
- Language Festival at IUP: Saturday, March 23
- Torzok Scholarship applications due: Sunday, March 31
- IUP Methodology Conference: Friday, April 19

33rd APPLES World Language Festival

The 33rd APPLES World Language will take place on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Registration is due by Friday, March 1, 2024. The registration form will be arriving shortly via email. This year's festival coordinator is Dr. Christina Huhn (huhn@iup.edu).

Make plans now to attend!

PSMLA Conference





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. Please consider having your students apply for this great opportunity. See the end of this newsletter for the application form.

IUP Spring Methodology Conference on Foreign Language Teaching

The IUP Spring Methodology Conference will take place on Friday, April 19, 2024 in the Hadley Union Building on the IUP campus. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Eileen Glisan. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** As with last year, registration will be completed electronically. Please follow the steps listed on the registration webpage.

A decorative graphic with a light grey background and abstract watercolor-style shapes. At the top center, the text "SAVE THE DATE" is written in a bold, dark red font, with "APRIL 19, 2024" below it in a smaller, black font. In the center, the title "IUP Spring Methodology Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages" is displayed in a dark red font. To the left of the center is a red speech bubble containing the white text "Join us back on campus!". To the right is a black and white photograph of the Hadley Union Building's entrance. Below the QR code, the URL "https://www.iup.edu/foreignlanguages/events/methodology-conference-on-teaching-of-foreign-languages/index.html" is printed in a small, dark red font.

[REGISTRATION LINK](https://www.iup.edu/foreignlanguages/events/methodology-conference-on-teaching-of-foreign-languages/index.html) Spread the word, and invite your colleagues!



APPLES membership form and Torzok Scholarship form

The forms for APPLES membership and the Torzok Scholarship can be found on the following pages.

APPLES

Appalachian Professional Language Educators' Society

Membership Application

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 **2024**.

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

Payment:	√ if applicable		
APPLES Dues	√	\$15.00, \$7.50, or \$0 (circle)	Calendar Year – \$15.00 (teachers),



			\$7.50 (students), or free (retired only)
Torzok Scholarship		\$	
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.***

Please send APPLES membership form to:

APPLES Collaborative
 Melissa Bair, Secretarial Support
 College of Arts & Humanities
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania
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 981 Grant St.
 Indiana, PA 15705



**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 2024)
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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2.		9 10 11 12	
3.		9 10 11 12	

School activities	(Attach more paper if needed.)

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. 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.

Should you have any questions, please contact [Dawn Smith-Sherwood](#) at smithshe@iup.edu. This completed application, the letter of recommendation, and the essay should be scanned into a .pdf file and sent to [Dawn Smith-Sherwood](#) via email address above no later than **March 31, 2024**.

Please send Torzok Scholarship applications (via e-mail) to:

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