



## Message from the President:

Greetings, APPLES Members!

Another year has passed, and here we are in 2023! I hope you are all staying warm and safe!

First, I would like to invite everyone to join us for the Foreign Language Festival - being held again on the IUP campus on March 25, 2023! I know we all enjoyed being back live and in person last year - most of all our students! More registration details will be sent shortly!



Second, with all the disruptions of the Festival, due to COVID, did you overlook your APPLES dues? Don't worry; you are not alone! Just be sure to pay them in conjunction with this year's Foreign Language Festival! Unlike so many prices, the membership rates remain the same: \$15 for teachers, \$7.50 for students. The membership form is at the end of this newsletter. We also highly encourage contributions to our scholarship fund, which supports students who wish to continue their language study!

Last but not least, the **IUP Spring Methodology Conference** will take place on April 21, 2023. See our link to registration later in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

## Important Dates:

- Registration due for the Language Festival: Wednesday, March 1
- Coordinators' meeting for the Language Festival: Wednesday, March 8
- Language Festival at IUP: Saturday, March 25
- Torzok Scholarship applications due: Friday, March 31
- IUP Methodology Conference: Friday, April 21
- APPLES Executive Board meeting: Wednesday, May 12

## 32nd APPLES World Language Festival

The 32nd APPLES World Language will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Registration is due by Wednesday, March 1. The registration form will be arriving shortly via email. This year's festival coordinator is Dr. Christina Huhn ([huhn@iup.edu](mailto:huhn@iup.edu)).

Make plans now to attend!



## *Calling all language teachers!*

Do you love sharing your language and its culture? Do you know a language that is traditionally not taught in your school district and are excited to share it? Do you feel you've not had the chance to cover a fascinating aspect of your language's culture? Then consider teaching a *Discamus* session at the 2023 APPLES Foreign Language Festival! ***Discamus*** in Latin means "**let's learn.**" As such, the *Discamus* session is a learning opportunity where you can contribute something unique and engaging to the learning experience of students attending the festive day of competitions. These seminars will be **40 minutes** in duration, should be geared toward middle and high school language students, and should focus on any topic related to language, culture, and traditions.

Interested or have a session idea? Please contact Kelly Hart ([HartK@ApolloRidge.com](mailto:HartK@ApolloRidge.com)) by Wednesday, March 1, 2023 for more information, or [submit your proposal on this Google form](#).

## *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 21, 2023 at Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort and Conference Center in Blairsville. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Florencia Henshaw. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** As with last year, registration will be completed electronically. Please follow the steps listed on the registration webpage.

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*Spring Methodology Conference*  
ON  
*Foreign Language Teaching*

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Don't miss this year's keynote speaker:

**Dr. Florencia Henshaw**  
University of Illinois -  
Urbana - Champaign

April 21, 2023  
Chestnut Ridge Resort,  
Blairsville, PA

<https://tinyurl.com/39m4b873>

Dr. Henshaw has a PhD in second language acquisition and teacher education from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where she is now the director of Advanced Spanish. She has taught 19 different undergraduate and graduate courses, and she has designed eight online courses. Henshaw has published and presented nationally and internationally on technology integration, heritage language instruction, and research-based pedagogical practices, and she has been an invited speaker at prominent institutions, including Harvard and Yale, among many others.

Henshaw is as passionate about helping students develop communicative ability in the target language as she is about helping teachers make the connection between what we know and what we do. To that end, she launched a [YouTube channel](#) and podcast called [Unpacking Language Pedagogy](#), where she summarizes and discusses research articles,



## *IUP Spring Methodology Conference (cont'd.)*

activities, terms, and various topics related to language teaching. Furthermore, her new co-authored book, *Common Ground: Second Language Acquisition Theory Goes to the Classroom*, aims to help educators to visualize how to put principles into action.

Henshaw's work has been recognized through a number of awards, including the Postsecondary Award for Excellence in World Language Instruction Using Technology, granted by ACTFL and IALLT, as well as two highly competitive campus awards at the University of Illinois: the Chancellor's Academic Professional Excellence Award and the Campus Award for Excellence in Online and Distance Teaching.

Registration for the Spring Methodology Conference is open! If you have any questions or issues, please let us know!

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

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 **2023**.

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.

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

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.

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***\*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:**

Dr. Marjorie Zambrano-Paff  
Melissa Bair, Secretarial Support  
College of Arts & Humanities  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
404 Leonard Hall  
981 Grant St.  
Indiana, PA 15705



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

<b>Name (last, first, middle)</b>	<b>Home address</b>
<b>Home telephone</b>	<b>Name of high school</b>
(   )   -	
<b>High school telephone</b>	<b>High school address</b>
(   )   -	
<b>Grade point average</b>	<b>Name of college or university applicant plans to attend (fall 2023)</b>
<b>Name/signature of school counselor</b>	<b>Recommended by...APPLES member's name/signature</b>

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](mailto: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, 2023](#).

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

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