



## *Message from the President:*

Greetings and Happy New Year!

First some important dates and information: Mark your calendars for the **2024 Foreign Language Festival**, held again on the IUP campus on March 23, 2024! Watch your email for additional information!

Even if you can't bring your students, we can always use many hands to volunteer as judges, registration and more!

With the chaos of the pandemic, we now need to update our membership roles. To do so, we have enacted a new procedure that will allow us to streamline the process. This process is outlined on page 4 of this newsletter, as well as on our organization webpage:

<https://applescollaborative.weebly.com/>

APPLES has long offered **Torzok scholarships** to support continued language study. These scholarships are more important than ever in our current climate, and you'll find a brief message from two of our awardees on page 5.

Advocating for language study is an ever-present part of our jobs. If you haven't done so recently, I highly recommend taking a look at the JNCL-NCLIS website; there are some interesting and potential grant activities pending that have great potential for our profession!

<https://www.languagepolicy.org/>

Everyone is super busy, but your work is not unrecognized!

## *Important Dates:*

- Registration due for the Language Festival: Wednesday, March 1, 2024
- Coordinators' meeting for the Language Festival: Wednesday, March 8, 2024
- Language Festival at IUP: Saturday, March 23, 2024
- Torzok Scholarship applications due: Sunday, March 31, 2024
- APPLES Executive Board meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2024
- IUP Methodology Conference: Friday, April 19, 2024

## *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 Wednesday, March 1. Payment will be due by Friday, March 15. 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 you 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 19, 2024 at Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort and Conference Center in Blairsville. The keynote speakers will be Eileen Glisan and Bonnie Adair-Houck. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** As with last year, registration will be completed electronically. Please follow the steps listed on the registration webpage.



**Eileen W. Glisan, PhD** is professor emerita at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she coordinated the Spanish Education K-12 program for more than 30 years. She served as president of ACTFL, chair of the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, and president of the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association. She is co-author of the two-volume series *Enacting the Work of Language Instruction: High-Leverage Teaching Practices*, of *The Integrated Performance Assessment: Twenty Years and Counting*, and of *Teacher's Handbook: Contextualized Language Instruction*. In 2009, she launched the ACTFL Research Priorities Project designed to develop and to promote a national research agenda in foreign language education. Glisan received the 1996 Anthony Papalia Award for Excellence in Teacher Education and the 2008 Northeast Conference Nelson H. Brooks Award for Distinguished Service and Leadership to the Profession. In 2012, she received the Frank Mulhern Leadership Award for Outstanding Leadership in World Languages and Cultures by PSMILA. Glisan conducts professional development for educators at all levels.

**Bonnie Adair-Houck, PhD** is a second language researcher and world language consultant. Adair-Houck's professional appointments include serving as an assistant professor of French



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

and chair of the Modern Language Department at La Roche College; senior teaching fellow for the University of Pittsburgh's World Language Education MAT program; second language researcher, University of Pittsburgh's Center for European Studies; and graduate professor for the University of Northern Iowa's MAT Teacher Education program in Angers, France. She has published articles in *Foreign Language Annals*, *Language Awareness*, *Canadian Modern Language Review*, *CALICO*, *Pages d'Écriture*, *Northeast Conference Reports*, *French Review*, *PSMLA Language Forum*, and *Teacher's Handbook: Contextualized Language Instruction*. Recently, she co-authored *Integrated Performance Assessment: Twenty Years and Counting!* Adair-Hauck received the AATF Sir Edouard Morot-Sir Pedagogical Prize (2002); received the AATF Outstanding Educator of the Year Award (1998); was a co-recipient of the Northeast Conference Stephen A. Freeman Award (2004, 2008); and received the ACTFL Anthony Papalia Award for Excellence in Teacher Education (2012). In 2014, she received the Frank Mulhern Leadership Award by PSMLA.

## REGISTRATION LINK

**Spread the word, and invite your colleagues!**

## *2023 APPLES Torzok Scholarship Winner*

One of the 2023 recipients of the APPLES Torzok Scholarship was Maya Hazenstab, graduate of Central High School and student of Spanish teacher Louise Wilson. Below she describes her first semester experience at college and how language study will help her in the future.

*The APPLES Foreign Language Festival was an incredible experience. During the fall semester, I took SPAN 200 (Intermediate Grammar and Composition), and this semester I'm taking SPAN 215 (Spanish Linguistics). I've had great experiences in collegiate Spanish thus far, and I hope to obtain a minor in Spanish as well as a degree in Accounting. I plan to study abroad in Spain in the summer of 2025, and Spanish will help me immensely in my career in business.*

The Torzok scholarship application information is on page 5 of this newsletter, and we invite donations in support of this scholarship! (See the membership form on page 5.)



## *New APPLES membership procedure*

To streamline our membership process and to make it easier to keep track of our membership, please follow the instructions below for submitting your membership. The membership year will continue to align with our festival and be valid through the end of 2024.

APPLES thanks you for your membership!

1. Please complete this [Registration Form](#)
2. You will receive a copy of the form in your e-mail.
3. PRINT the e-mail, and enclose your payment to the address given:

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## *New Torzok Scholarship application procedure*

The Torzok Scholarship application is now online as a fillable .pdf. Please use the link below to access the application. 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 with this form and sent to Dawn Smith-Sherwood via email address above no later than April 2, 2024.

[Torzok Sholarship link](#)