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APPLES Fall 2019 Newsletter

Message from the President

Greetings!

I hope everyone had a recuperative summer and is settled back into the classroom (or perhaps enjoying the final days of summer).

In this newsletter, you'll find several upcoming opportunities for professional development (and of course Act 48).

- PSMLA 100th Anniversary Conference October 24 – 26. APPLES is hosting a session about our organization, as well as holding our annual fall meeting. We hope you will all take advantage of the location of this year's conference in nearby State College to join your world language colleagues throughout the state in collaboration and in celebrating 100 years of PSMLA (see p. 3)!
- Registration is open for the annual IUP Methodology Conference (see p. 3).
- The results of our recent survey – we asked; you answered!

Watch our upcoming newsletters and webpage for future professional opportunities (see pp. 6-8)!

And let's not forget our annual Foreign Language Festival set for March 28, 2020 on the IUP Campus.

I hope to have an opportunity to collaborate with you at any one or all of these events!

Christina Huhn, PhD
APPLES President, 2014 – 2020



Appalachian Language Educators' Society 31st annual Foreign Language Festival

Saturday, March 28, 2020
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

APPLES Winter Executive Board Meeting



The APPLES Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 (snow make-up date: Wed., Jan. 15) 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 at huhn@iup.edu

Important dates/deadlines

PSMLA Advance conference registration deadline	Fri., Oct. 4, 2019
PSMLA Conference	October 24-26, 2019
Executive Board Meeting	Wed., Jan. 8, 2020
Language Festival	March 28, 2020
IUP Methodology Conference	Fri., April 24, 2020

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Millersville University's World Language Camps

APPLES will award one fully-paid scholarship to each of Millersville University's World Language camps in French, German and Spanish. French and Spanish camp participants must have had two years of the language and be at least 15 years old. German camp participants, between the ages of 14-18, must have some basic knowledge of the German language. Participants attend classes in language and culture in

the mornings, where they learn grammar, have the opportunity to practice conversation and see films and videos. The afternoon activities include: games, sports, computer training with foreign language software, songs, theater skits, poetry readings, cooking ethnic foods and excursions to places of historical interest or ethnic restaurants in Lancaster County and the surrounding area. In the evenings, there are activities e.g. dancing, singing,

more skits and, at the end of the week, a talent show, costume party, or DJed dance. To apply for the scholarship, please fill out the form on [page 5](#) of this newsletter.

To learn more about these camps (description and requirements), see: <https://www.millersville.edu/forlang/hscamps.php>

Read about this years scholarship winner, Alyssa Reed, on page 3.

The 2020 IUP Spring Methodology Conference on Foreign Language Teaching: Friday, April 24, at the Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort & Conference Center

Registration Now Open for 2020 IUP Spring Methodology Conference on Foreign Language Teaching!

The 2020 IUP Spring Methodology Conference on Foreign Language Teaching (IUPSMCoFLT) is set for Friday, April 24, at the Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort & Conference Center ([132 Pine Ridge Rd, Blairsville, PA 15717](#)). The keynote speaker is Dr. Francis Troyan from The Ohio State University. In addition to the keynote

address, the conference offers a total of twelve 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 infor-

mation, and more: www.iupmethodologyconference.com For questions, contact Dr. Jean-Louis Dasser (dasser@iup.edu). We hope to see you in April! Share this message with a colleague. First-time conference attendees get a special rate this year.

PSMLA Fall Conference 2019

Join us at our annual statewide conference at the Penn Stater Conference Center in State College on October 24-26! Registration includes the following benefits of conference attendance:

- Enjoy a continental breakfast and buffet luncheon included on both Friday and Saturday.
- Learn from experts and colleagues in numerous sessions on a variety of relevant topics for educators of all languages and levels.
- Explore topics related to global competency through our joint conference with the Pennsylvania Council for International Education (PACIE).
- Receive Act 48 credit for professional development participation.
- Network with fellow language educators, vendors, and advocates during Friday afternoon's included wine and cheese reception.
- Visit publishers, educational travel agencies, and professional associations in the Exhibit Hall.
- Participate in the annual PSMLA Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony.
- Win great prizes in the Language Lotto and Silent Auction.



**Alyssa and her friends
from Millersville**



**Millersville Language Camp
Scholarship Winner, Alyssa Reed**

Over the past three years, I have had the privilege to attend Millersville University's Foreign Language Camp every summer. Through this camp, I have expanded my knowledge to points I never previously thought to be possible in such a short amount of time. This past summer, I was lucky enough to have the honor of being the APPLES Millersville Foreign Language

Camp Scholarship Recipient. It is thanks to this scholarship that I was able to attend for my final year to learn even more about the Spanish language and culture, as well as meet a lot of amazing new people.

Through my time at Millersville this year, I was able to practice my Spanish with others who were also interested in improving their language skills. The camp has a rule where you may only speak Spanish, so it is an amazing chance to practice my Spanish with my peers. With all of us being on different levels, it gave me the chance to not only learn new things but to also teach concepts that I am familiar with to others who had not previously been exposed to them. I loved having the chance to do this, as I want to be a Spanish teacher.

I also got to learn a lot about the culture of numerous Spanish-speaking countries, as all three of the instructors had studied abroad recently. One of the instructors has actually spent the past few years teaching in different parts of Spain, so she was able to give us a lot of information about the education system there, as well as about general daily life. I found this amazing, as I hope to study in Seville, Spain, my junior year. We also participated in numerous cultural activities, such as making art in the styles of popular Spanish artists, of which I chose Frida Kahlo, and decorating our own sugar skull masks. We also split into groups and made different authentic recipes from different countries: guacamole, non-alcoholic Sangria, and Guatemalan Bananas with Sweet Cream. There was even an excursion to Lancaster on the third day that took us to different authentic restaurants to try different food.

Finally, I got to spend time with my friends from previous years, as well as meet a lot of new and amazing people. It is truly incredible how fast we all manage to become friends, and how close we all become by the end of the week. I can also say that I cried once again when I left, putting me at three for three.

This camp has become a major part of my life over the past three years. Not only have I learned a lot, but I have also made new friends that I am certain will last a lifetime. I just wanted to thank APPLES again for awarding me this scholarship so that I could attend this camp for my final year. I strongly encourage anyone that has the opportunity to attend this camp to go, you will not regret it.



**Guatemalan bananas with sweet
cream**

Fall 2019



Non-alcoholic Sangría



"The camp has a rule where you may only speak Spanish, so it is an amazing chance to practice my Spanish with my peers."



APPLICATION FOR APPLES SUMMER STUDY SCHOLARSHIP

August 2020

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) should be sent electronically in a single e-mail, to Dr. Dawn Smith-Sherwood at smithshe@iup.edu with the Subject Header: **APPLES Scholarships**. 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, 2020	Language(s) studied (circle) / Current language level (circle)	Millersville program desired summer 2020 (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 2020 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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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 2020)
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.

Should you have any questions, please contact Yolanda Broad at (724) 463-9827. This completed application, the letter of recommendation, and the essay should be scanned into a .pdf file and sent to **Dr. Dawn Smith-Sherwood, smithshe@iup.edu** in a single e-mail with the subject header of **APPLES Scholarships** no later than **April 15, 2020**.

Your feedback!

Collaboration and Professional Development are most successful when they meet the needs of those they seek to serve. We asked for your input and you responded!

Our professional associations. We all know that our time is limited, with competing priorities: classroom, administrative, committee, and family and personal activities all demand our time and attention. Nevertheless, the collaborations among colleagues are what supports us as a profession. We asked you what professional organizations you belong to:



■ Appalachian Professional Language Educator's Society (APPLES)

■ Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association (PSMLA)

■ American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL)

■ Northeast Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (NECTFL)

■ American Association of Teachers of German (AATG)

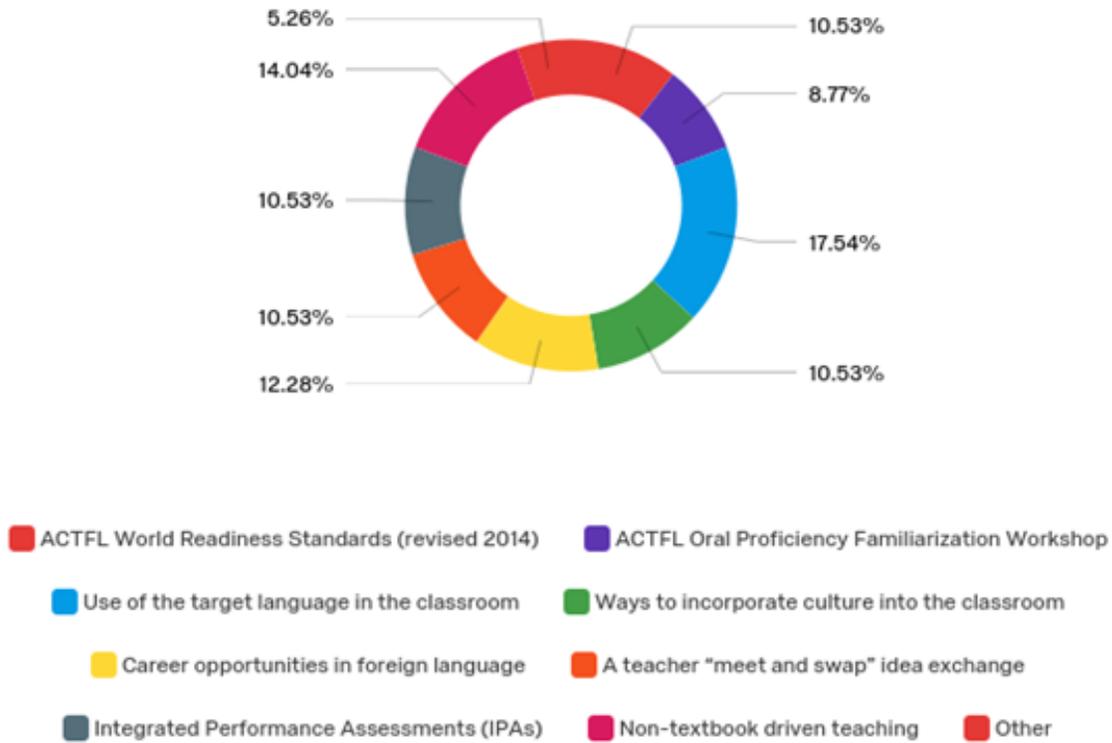
■ American Association of Teachers of French (AATF)

■ American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP)

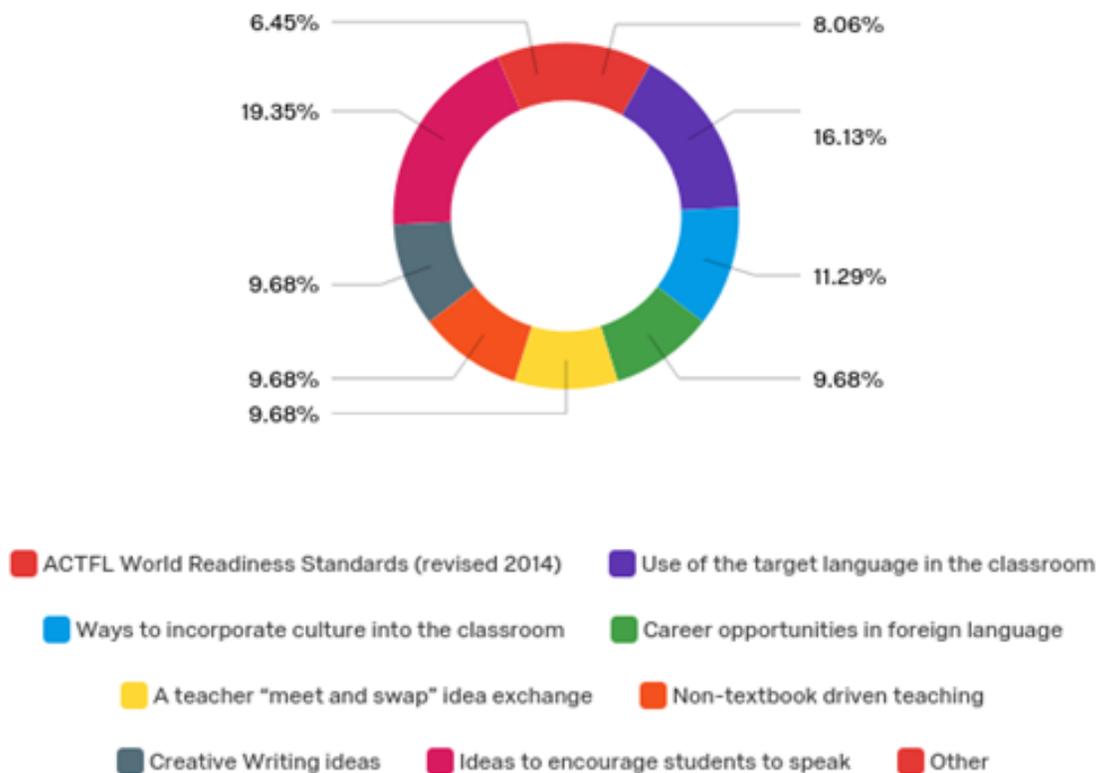
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Next we asked what topics would be most beneficial when delivered via a face to face workshop or as web-based opportunities.

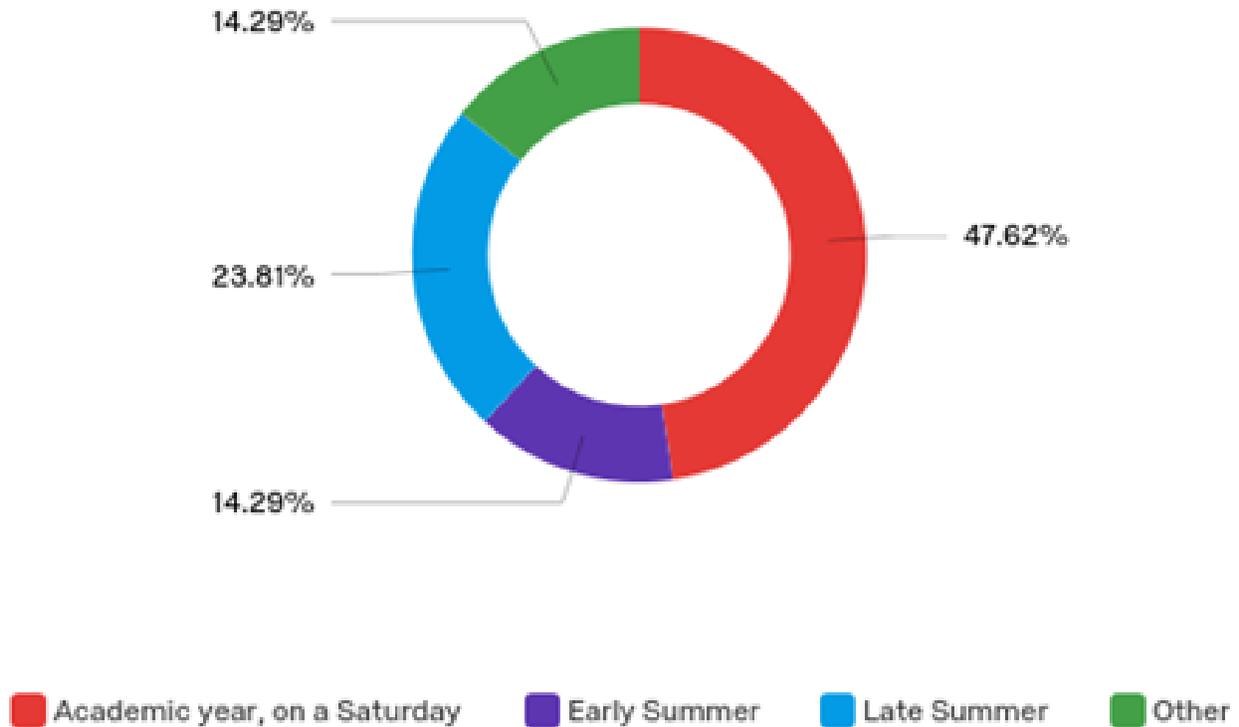
Face-to-face:



Web-based:



Finally, given those competing priorities, we asked when you find professional development to be most useful and accessible.



Rest assured, as APPLES is considering how we can continue to support our local World Language community, that we greatly appreciate your input – more information to come! We always welcome member comments – just contact any member of the current APPLES Executive Board!



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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 from now through the end of calendar year 2020.

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!**

NEW THIS YEAR! 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.*