

2015 Flag Awards

Teacher of the Year (K-12)

Tammy Garces (Heard County HS)

Teacher of the Year (Post-Secondary)

Lisa Connell (University of West Georgia)

Teacher of Promise (K-12)

Antonela Kljajic (Starr's Mill HS)

Leadership in Foreign Languages (K-12)

Cynthia Toups (Cairo HS)

Leadership in Foreign Languages (Post-Secondary)

Billy Wells (University of North Georgia)

Administrative Support of Foreign Languages

Jeff Cheney (South Forsyth Co HS)

Fostering Partnerships

Melanie Knight (Cairo HS)

President's Award

Dr John Wilson (University of North Georgia)

Dr Horst Kurz (Georgia Southern University)

Best of FLAG

(winner will present on FLAG's behalf at the next SCOLT conference)

2014 Flag Awards

Teacher of the Year (K-12)
<i>Catherine Flippen</i> (Mt. Vernon Presbyterian School, Atlanta)
Teacher of the Year (Post-Secondary)
<i>Susanne Kelley</i> (Kennesaw State University)
Teacher of Promise (K-12)
<i>Jennifer Bartlett</i> (New Manchester HS, Douglas County)
Teacher of Promise (Post-Secondary)
<i>Jeffrey Zamoszny</i> (University of West Georgia)
Leadership in Foreign Languages (K-12)
<i>Jon Valentine</i> (Gwinnett County)
Leadership in Foreign Languages (Post-Secondary)
<i>Melisa Cahnmann-Taylor</i> (University of Georgia)
Administrative Support of Foreign Languages
<i>Rodney Kay</i> (Heard County HS)
Fostering Partnerships
<i>Patrick Wallace</i> (Whitewater HS, Fayette County)
President's Certificate of Excellence
<i>Stéphane Allagnon</i> (Woodward Academy)
Best of FLAG
(winner will present on FLAG's behalf at the next SCOLT conference)
<i>Edee Heard</i> (Druid Hills High School) "Saludos. Questions/Answers/Conjugations and Conversation."

2013 Flag Awards

Teacher of the Year
<i>Dr. Svetoslava T. Dimova</i> (Campbell High, Cobb County)
Post-Secondary Leadership in Foreign Languages
<i>Dr. Joe Terantino</i> (Kennesaw State University)
Administrative Support of Foreign Languages
<i>Dr. Charlotte Sadler</i> (Parsons Elementary, Gwinnett)
President's Certificate of Excellence
<i>Brandi Meeks</i> (Starr's Mill High School)
Lifetime Achievement
<i>Corinne Barnes</i> (Douglas County)
Outstanding Business Partner F.L. Support Award
<i>Mr. Wayne Reece</i> (Reece & Associates)
Outstanding Collaborative Leadership Award
<i>Douglas County Immersion Program</i> (Douglas County)
Corinne Barnes (Director of Foreign Languages, ESOL, Gifted, Fine Arts, and International Baccalaureate) Sheila Miller (Principal, Beulah Elementary School) Tracy Moore (ESOL Teacher and Coordinator of Dual Immersion at Beulah) Kwame Carr (Principal, Turner Middle School) Teresa Anderson (Spanish Teacher, Turner Middle School)
Best of FLAG
(winner will present on FLAG's behalf at the next SCOLT conference)
<i>Aaron Mullins</i> (Parkview HS, Gwinnett Co.) "Seven Activities for the Talkative Class"

2012 Flag Awards

Teacher of the Year
<i>Robert Patrick</i> (Parkview High, Gwinnett County Public Schools - Latin)
Teacher of Promise (K-12)
<i>Miriam Patrick</i> (Duluth High, Gwinnett County Public Schools - Latin)
Fostering Partnerships
<i>Dr. Greg Barfield</i> (International Welcome Center, Cobb County Schools)
Teacher of Promise (Post-12)
<i>Robert Kilpatrick</i> (The University of West Georgia - French)
P-12 Leadership in Foreign Languages
<i>Miyuki Johnson</i> (Fulton County Schools - Japanese)
Administrative Support of Foreign Languages
<i>Dr. Catherine Magouyrk</i> (Associate Superintendent of Student Achievement & Leadership - Douglas County Schools)
Lifetime Achievement
<i>Lynne McClendon</i> (SCOLT Executive Director)
President's Certificate of Excellence
<i>Mary Ellen Foye</i> (FLAG Administrative Director)
Best of FLAG
(winner will present on FLAG's behalf at the next SCOLT conference)
<i>Lee Burson</i> (Carrollton High School) "Don't Make the Reflexive Tense So Routine!"

2011 Flag Awards

Professor of the Year
<i>Horst Kurz</i> (Georgia Southern University)
Teacher of the Year
<i>Bobbi Lynn Moreno</i> (Southeast Bulloch High School)
Teacher of Promise (K-12)
<i>Quinton Prince</i> (Eastside High School [Newton Co.])
P-12 Leadership in Foreign Languages
<i>Olga Glymph</i> (North Forsyth High School)
Post-Secondary Leadership in Foreign Languages
<i>Denise Overfield</i> (University of West Georgia)
Administrative Support of Foreign Languages
<i>Pamela Spalla</i> (Northview High School, [Fulton Co.])
President's Certificate of Excellence
<i>Elizabeth Webb</i> (GA DOE)
Best of FLAG
(winner will present on FLAG's behalf at the next SCOLT conference)
<i>Lee Burson</i> (Carrollton High School) "Don't Make the Reflexive Tense So Routine!"

Congratulations!

Horst Kurz, 2011 FLAG Professor of the Year, has been named the 2011 SCOLT Post-Secondary Teacher of Excellence

2010 Flag Awards

Teacher of the Year

Joe Frank Uriz (Parsons Elementary School)

Teacher of Promise (K-12)

Dr. Carrie Haight (Arabia Mountain High School)

Teacher of Promise (Post-12)

Dr. Maria Jose Hellin Garcia (University of West Georgia)

Post-Secondary Leadership in Foreign Languages

Dr. Pete Swanson (Georgia State University)

Administrative Support of Foreign Languages

Dr. John Bartley (Centennial High School)

Best of FLAG

(winner will present on FLAG's behalf at the next SCOLT conference)

Tammy Garcés (Heard Co. HS)

"Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle"

2009 Flag Awards

Teacher of the Year
Clarissa Adams-Fletcher (Dunwoody HS, DeKalb County School System)
Fostering Partnerships
<i>Bobbi-Lynn Moreno</i> (Southeast Bulloch HS, Bulloch County)
P-12 Leadership in Foreign Languages
<i>Rhonda Wells</i> (World Languages Coordinator, DeKalb County School System)
Post-Secondary Leadership in Foreign Languages
<i>Dr. Carol Wilkerson</i> (Dean for ESL & FL, Georgia Perimeter College)
Administrative Support of Foreign Languages
<i>Kathy Annis</i> (Director of Instructional Administration, Cobb County School District)
President's Certificate of Excellence
<i>Jim Chesnut</i> (North Georgia College & State University)
President's Certificate of Excellence
<i>Ralph Pohlmeier</i> (Stevens Learning Systems) for his ongoing support of FLAG
Best of FLAG (winner will present on FLAG's behalf at the next SCOLT conference)
<i>Lee Burson</i> (Carrollton HS) "How to Thrive with the Power of 3x5"

2008 Flag Awards

Teacher of the Year

Jennifer Schultz (Lakeside HS)

Teacher of Promise (K-12)

Paula Flatman (Otwell MS)

Administrative Support of Foreign Languages

Dr. Thomas Lockamy (Superintendent, Savannah-Chatham
County Public Schools)

President's Certificate of Excellence

Lillie B. Johnson (Department Chair at Augusta State U)

Best of FLAG

(winner will present on FLAG's behalf at the next SCOLT conference)

Laura Droms & Holly Brodnax (Grayson HS)

"Come on Down! Games and Game shows in the Foreign
Language Classroom"

2007 Flag Awards

Teacher of the Year
<i>Mechthild Vogt</i> (Fayette County High School)
Teacher of the Year
<i>Joy Lynn Tynes</i> (Lassiter High School)
Professor of the Year
<i>Dr. Jim Chesnut</i> (North Georgia College & State University)
Teacher of Promise (P-12)
<i>Kris Muir</i> (Whitewater High School)
Administrative Support of Foreign Languages
<i>Cathy Geis</i> (Fayette County Schools)

Conference Awards

Best of FLAG (winner will present on FLAG's behalf at the following year's SCOLT conference):

Joyce Miller Bearden & Michaela Claus-Nix (South Forsyth HS): "Growing a Lively High School Program for Less Commonly Taught Languages"

SCOLT has selected FLAG Members Amie LaPorte and Kris Muir's presentation "Best of All Worlds: FL Across The Curriculum" as the "Best of SCOLT". They will present at ACTFL. - Congratulations!

2006 Flag Awards

Teacher of the Year
Cameron Ward (Centennial High School)



Professor of the Year
Dr. Richard LaFleur (University of Georgia)



Teacher of Promise
Elizabeth Guilbert (Norcross High School)



P-12 Leadership in Foreign Languages
Elizabeth Webb (Director of Innovative Academic Programs, GA DOE)



Post-Secondary Leadership in Foreign Languages
Dr. Thomas Cooper (University of Georgia)



Administrative Support of Foreign Languages
Steven Curry (Principal, Findley Oaks Elementary School)



Conference Awards

Best of FLAG (winner will present on FLAG's behalf at the next SCOLT conference):

Isadora Arzu (Hamilton Holmes Elementary School):
"Hip Hop Have Fun and Learn"

Winners drawn from all those who turned in name tags
at the conference:

Free Conference registration for 2008:

Olga Biancheri (Stevens Creek Elementary School)

Free membership dues for 2006:

Christy James (Stevens Creek Elementary School)

2005 Flag Awards

Congratulations!

[Melyn Roberson, 2005 FLAG Teacher of the Year, has been named the 2006 SCOLT Outstanding K-12 Teacher of Excellence](#)

Teacher of the Year
***Melyn Roberson* (Campbell High School)**



Professor of the Year
***Dr. Anja Bernardy* (Kennesaw State University)**



Teacher of Promise
***Philip Hart* (Pope High School)**



Teacher of Promise
***Jennifer Wojtczak* (Campbell High School)**



Leadership in Foreign Languages
***Dr. Jana Sandarg* (Augusta State University)**



Administrative Support of Foreign Languages
***Greg Ewing* (Cobb County Schools)**



Special Lifetime Award
Lillie B. Hamilton



All Awardees

Conference Award--Best of FLAG

Winners will present on FLAG's behalf at the next SCOLT conference.



Marie Bruner (Harrison HS [Cobb Co.]): "Survival Kit for the Language Teacher"



Additional Awards

The winners drawn from all those who turned in name tags at the conference:

Maya Murillo (Roswell HS) - Free Conference registration for 2006

Rocio T. Broyles (Yeager Middle School) - Free dues for 2006

2004 Flag Awards

Dory Rogers

2004 FLAG Excellence in Teaching Award (P-12)

Mrs. Rogers is a Spanish teacher at Shiloh High School in Gwinnett County where she is the foreign language department head. A teacher-leader, she serves in many capacities within the school including the Shiloh Leadership Team, Teacher Mentor, and the Block Assessment Committee. For Gwinnett County, she has helped write the county final exams for all levels of Spanish. On being a teacher, she says, "This is my approach: to make the study of a foreign language be more about communication and cultures, to foster a sense that speaking in this new language is like being part of a special club, and to make my class the highlight of my students' day." Shiloh High Principal Dr. Bill Kruskamp added, "Dory's students are conversing in the language, writing the language, and even more impressively, it appears that they are 'thinking' in Spanish." Mrs. Rogers has presented at several FLAG and SCOLT conferences on the use of block schedules in foreign languages as well as the use of the internet for student projects. Additionally, she has helped judge for GHP for over 15 years. She holds a BA from Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota and an MA from Piedmont College.



David Alley

2004 FLAG Excellence in Teaching Award (Post Secondary)

Dr. David Alley is a Professor of Spanish at Georgia Southern University where he has taught since 1988. He holds a Masters and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Georgia. His long career before teaching at the university level includes serving with the Peace Corps, teaching Spanish in public schools, and directing instruction and language departments from Pusan Sanub University in South Korea to the University of Georgia in Athens. As professor at Georgia Southern, he supervises student teachers and interns. He also directs the Costa Rica and Mexico Study Abroad Programs. Additionally, he has authored, reviewed, and edited numerous contributions to language journals. He is frequently engaged in the work of contributing to the program of FLAG, SCOLT, TESOL, AATSP, and ACTFL conferences. He is the recipient of several prestigious grants for language enrichment. Besides having taught courses in foreign language, literature, methods, and culture, he has also developed new courses involving the use of technology, applied linguistics, and studies in Hispanic media and art.



Lynne Gant

2004 FLAG Teacher of Promise Award (P-12)

Mrs. Gant is in her second year as a Spanish teacher at McConnell Middle School in Gwinnett County. She has earned an Associates Degree from Georgia Perimeter College with a concentration in Teacher Education, and a BA in Spanish from Georgia State University with certification in Foreign Language education. Due to her efforts to spark student interest in language learning, Mrs. Gant's first year solo performance as a Spanish I teacher has generated enough enthusiasm for the school to possibly have three Spanish teachers by next fall. Her classroom has been described as an interactive environment that meets the needs of all types of learners by using games, songs, dances, total-physical response, storytelling, and several types of group activities. She also collaborates with high school teachers to ensure a smooth transition from Level 1 to Level 2. Furthermore, Mrs. Gant has started a "Spanish for Educators" staff development class in her school in which many teachers have participated. She not only co-presented at FLAG last year, but also presented at ACTFL last November. She serves on the Foreign Language Program Review Committee for Gwinnett County and also works closely with McConnell Middle School's special education classes in developing motivational activities to let those students learn Spanish words and experience Spanish culture. Her principal John Campbell said, "Ms. Gant is more than an excellent teacher; she is a leader, a motivator, and an ambassador for foreign language instruction." She says, "It is my philosophy that language learning should be fun! When students elect to be in an optional foreign language course that lasts two years, it is my job to inspire them to continue their studies beyond the minimum requirements."



Ana Johnson
2004 FLAG Teacher of Promise Award (P-12)

Mrs. Johnson is in her second year of teaching Spanish at Rising Starr Middle School in Fayette County. She received a BA in Computer Information Systems and an MBA in Marketing both from the University of Puerto Rico, and she completed her teaching certification in Spanish from the University of West Georgia. As a native speaker of Spanish and an English language learner herself, Mrs. Johnson incorporates a variety of activities to appeal to different types of language learners. For example, her lessons often draw on her interests in music and art, and research assignments, fiesta simulations, and Latin dance lessons immerse her students in the Spanish culture. Teacher Lisa Wms. Fine said, "A 'mi casa es su casa' Spanish attitude permeates the classroom environment. Actively learning, students accept Señora Johnson's expertise as she pilots their journey to a culture embedded in countries miles away, yet right next door." She encourages not only her students, but also her fellow teachers to participate in Hispanic cultural activities. This commitment to learning explains why student enrollment in Spanish I at her school has increased by forty-five percent after only one year. Mrs. Johnson says that her focus is on developing internationally-conscious learners who will enjoy success in all aspects of society. She says, "I am committed to my students and my Hispanic heritage. The opportunity to combine the two and create a lasting change in the future of my students is extremely exciting."



Corinne Barnes
2004 FLAG Leadership Award

Mrs. Barnes received her Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University and holds a M.Ed. from Georgia State and an M.A. from West Georgia. She not only serves as Douglas County Schools' Curriculum Coordinator for Foreign Language, but she also coordinates the Gifted and ESOL programs as well. Corinne helped develop the Metro Foreign Language Forum, and has instituted the West Metro Forum. She and her teachers are frequent presenters at FLAG and SCOLT conferences. Helping to found the Georgia Coalition for Language Learning, she has worked closely with the Georgia Legislature. Because of her devotion to keep the elementary model program in the annual budget, she is well known by legislators as one of the "little ladies" at the Capitol. Undaunted by losses from educational cutbacks, she continues to work to have language programs reinstated and lobby lawmakers for support of foreign languages at all levels. Dr. Carol Semonksy of Georgia State University said of Mrs. Barnes, "Corinne may be a 'little lady' but she has a big mission." She has been the recipient of several foreign language awards including the 2003 Palmes d'Académiques. She also manages to teach a class of high school French where she sponsors the French Club and travels to France annually with her students. Douglas County teacher Kimberly Laderoute added, "Where there is a cause for foreign language, you will surely find Mrs. Barnes!"



Vicente Valverde

2004 FLAG Fostering Partnerships Through Foreign Languages Award

Mr. Vicente Valverde has represented the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport as the Spanish consultant for the Georgia Department of Education since September 15, 1998. In that time, he has worked tirelessly to support the Visiting Teacher from Spain program, which brings qualified teachers from Spain to Georgia schools to teach Spanish for up to three years. He has actively promoted the Ministry's summer study programs in Spain, with the result that Georgia now ranks only after Florida, Texas and California in the number of teachers that participate in summer study at Spanish universities. Thanks in great part to his leadership, the Masters Program in Spanish Language and Culture at the University of Salamanca is filled with teachers from Georgia. Mr. Valverde's dedication and leadership were also essential in the establishment of The Hispanic Center at Kennesaw. Mr. Valverde will return to Spain in August, 2004 leaving a lasting legacy of Spanish culture in the state of Georgia.



Lounelle Beecher

2004 FLAG Administrative Support of Foreign Languages Award

Mrs. Beecher is currently serving in the Richmond County School System as the Coordinator for Social Studies and Foreign Languages. Dr. Jana Sandarg of Augusta State University said, "Although her field is Social Studies, Mrs. Beecher keeps abreast of foreign language pedagogy and is enthusiastic about traveling and learning about other cultures." Over the years, she not only has hosted a French exchange student, Russian teachers of English, a Japanese nursing student, and German educators, but she also has studied French, German, Russian, and Japanese. Additionally she serves as an adjunct professor at Augusta State University. Mrs. Beecher was a recent recipient of a Fulbright Grant to visit Japan where she interacted with educators and business leaders. She works closely with foreign language programs at all levels and supports teachers by securing textbooks, applying for grants, and with financial backing for numerous conferences and seminars. During her tenure, the Richmond County Board of Education has assumed the financial support for the elementary model foreign language program she helped initiate. She is also proud that two schools in Richmond County have participated with the German American Partnership Program (GAPP) Exchange. Many teachers in Augusta recognize her enthusiasm, energy, and hard work for promoting foreign language. Michael Dockery, teacher at Davidson Fine Arts School added, "It is difficult to imagine how she could possibly put more energy and effort into foreign language curriculum even if it were her only responsibility."



FLAG President's Certificate of Excellence

Dr. John Austin (Georgia State University)

Dr. John Bartley (DeKalb County Schools; Agnes Scott College)

Dr. Elaine McAllister (Kennesaw State University)

Colonel Billy E. Wells, Jr. (North Georgia College and State University)

FLAG Conference Award--Best of FLAG

Deborah Marker (R.L. Osborne HS)

2003 Flag Awards

Presented at the SCOLT/FLAG Annual Conference, March 1, 2003, Atlanta, GA
Jim Chesnut, Awards Coordinator

Best of FLAG!

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FLAG Teacher of the Year Award

Sandra Lee Hunt

Tift County High School, Tifton, GA

Ms. Hunt currently teaches Spanish IV, V/VI at Tift County HS Tifton, Georgia and has taught Spanish, French, Italian, and German for 32 years. She received a B.S. in Education from Kent State University and has add-on certificates in French, German, Italian and ESOL. She also holds an M.A. from Trinity College and is working toward completion of National Board certification. Professional recognition and activities include the following: "Best All-Around Teacher" & "Most Dedicated Teacher" - Tift County HS - 2001, 2002; Atlanta Journal Constitution's Honor Teacher Award - 2001; Teacher of Excellence Award - Tift Education Foundation - 2001; "Be Your Best" Teaching Award - one of 10 national recipients - 2001; National Board Certification Scholarship winner; Georgia's Teacher of the Year - finalist - 1998; Teacher of the Year - Douglas County (GA)

School System - 1997; South Carolina's Spanish Teacher of the Year - 1994; Teacher of the

Year Georgetown County (SC) School System - 1990; Jennings Scholar - Ohio's highest teaching honor 1973; "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" - numerous entries. Of all her accomplishments, Ms Hunt is most proud of being able to offer Spanish IV, V/VI to her students.



FLAG Professor of the Year

Dr. Carol M. Saunders

Department of Modern & Classical Languages, Georgia State University

Dr. Saunders is currently Assistant Professor of Foreign Language Education in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at Georgia State University. She received her Ph.D. in Foreign Language Education from the University of Georgia, an M.A. in French from Michigan State University, and a B.A. from the Colorado College. While teaching high school French, Dr. Saunders was recognized as the Fulton County "Teacher of the Year" and was a semi-finalist for the state of Georgia "Teacher of the Year." She also was selected as "Star Teacher" at her high school and, in 1982, received the "Teacher of the Year" award from the Foreign Language Association of Georgia. In 1994, Dr. Saunders received a scholarship from the Embassy of France to participate in a summer study seminar in Poitiers. Last year she was recognized by the Southern Conference on Language Teaching as their "Outstanding Teacher, Post-Secondary." Her dissertation research was on Georgia's Elementary School Foreign Languages Model Program and she currently has a book, co-authored with Marcia Spielberger, in press about the Model Program



FLAG Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education, P-12

Deborah Riedmiller & Michael Alexander

Atlanta Public School System

FLAG has chosen Deborah Riedmiller and Michael Alexander as joint recipients of the FLAG 2003 Leadership Award, P-12 for their continuing support of foreign languages in the Atlanta Public School System. Ms Riedmiller is currently Foreign Language Coordinator for Atlanta Public Schools, a position she has held for five years after 22 years of classroom teaching experience in Ohio and Georgia. She received her B.S. in Education, Ohio State University (1972), and her M.A. in Humanities Education, Ohio State University (1974). Her professional activities and recognition include Professor du Laureat, American Association of Teachers of French, 1996 and 1997; FLAG Teacher of the Year, 1993; and Rockefeller Fellow, 1986. Mr. Alexander is the Executive Director for Teaching and Learning with Atlanta Public Schools. He holds a B.A. in Elementary Education, University of Illinois Chicago (1973), an Ed.M. in Administration Planning & Social Policy from Harvard University (1999), and is working on an Ed.D. in Administration Planning and Social Policy, also at Harvard. He has directed such projects as the rollout of a systemic adoption of New American Schools comprehensive school reform designs, the development of a comprehensive evaluation design to document, monitor and inform planning and implementation of comprehensive school reform, and the establishment of university partnerships to develop more effective teacher education programs and an alternative teacher certification program.

FLAG Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education, Post-Secondary

Dr. Elaine McAllister
Kennesaw State University

Dr. McAllister has served in several capacities at Kennesaw State University since 1986. She is currently Director of the Center for Hispanic Studies, having also served as Department Head of Foreign Languages at KSU. Dr. McAllister received her B.A. (1968) from Georgia State College, the M.A. (1970) and the Ph.D. (1982) from Georgia State University. She has worked primarily in education (teaching French, Spanish and History in high school and postsecondary) but also in management consulting (as a research assistant) and with the federal government as a language program manager for the largest command within the Department of Defense. She served as President of AATF Georgia and FLAG, received the Palmes Académiques in 2000, was the FLAG representative to the Atlanta Committee for Olympic Games, hostess for Claude Simon during the Cultural Olympiad and assisted with Octavio Paz, also during the Cultural Olympiad.



FLAG Award for Administrative Support
William A. Bloodworth, Jr., President
Augusta State University

Dr. Bloodworth has served as President of Augusta State University since 1993. He received his B.S. degree in English, from Texas Lutheran University, 1964; his M.A. degree in English, Lamar University, 1967; and his Ph.D. degree in American Civilization, the University of Texas at Austin, 1972. His research interests have led to articles and books on American literature, especially the literature of the American West and the literature of political reform. FLAG recognizes the strong support Dr. Bloodworth has shown for foreign languages throughout his career: "The benefit of studying a foreign language lies, first of all, in the study of language itself, the most human and most important of all subjects. The study of a foreign language, then, is far more than a practical or interesting enterprise (although it is that as well) because, by entering and joining the linguistic world of another people, it expands and deepens one's own humanity. We live in a world where such expansion and deepening is more needed, more necessary, every day."

FLAG President's Certificate of Excellence
Dr. Herman F. Bostick, Founder of FLAG
Howard University

Dr. Bostick is currently professor of French at Howard U., Washington, DC. He received his higher education at Morehouse College, Atlanta U., Middlebury College, U. of Paris (La Sorbonne), and Ohio State U. He has held the positions of Foreign Language Consultant for Georgia; Department Chair at Morehouse College, at Texas Southern U., as well as at Howard University; and Associate Dean of the Graduate School at Howard. His professional leadership includes Founder of SCOLT, First President of FLAG, President of The College Language Association, and Secretary of The Board of Directors of the National Museum of Language. He is recipient of several distinguished honors, awards and fellowships.

FLAG President's Certificate of Excellence

Dr. Michael Adams, President

University of Georgia

Dr. Adams, President of UGA, earned his master's degree in political communications in 1971 and a doctorate in political communications with an emphasis in educational administration in 1973. He was named a University Fellow, the highest academic recognition at The Ohio State Graduate School, and he is the recipient of more than 20 national awards for leadership in higher education. FLAG is recognizing President Adams for his support for foreign languages, specifically his effective and strong letter published in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution last Fall during the debate over the high school diploma and the foreign language requirement. As President of one of the State's major institutions of higher learning, Dr. Adams gave his full and unequivocal support for keeping foreign languages as a requirement for the high school diploma.

2002 Flag Awards

Presented at the Annual Conference, February 15 - 16, Athens, GA
Jim Chesnut, Awards Coordinator

Special Thanks!



**Special Recognition to Vicente Valverde
Spanish Language Consultant From the Embassy of Spain at the Georgia
DOE**

Instituto San Fernando, Cadiz

Thanks to the efforts of Señor Valverde and funds from the Spanish government, FLAG was able to offer a scholarship for a summer 2002 study-abroad experience in Spain.

**Congratulations to Melodie Thurston of Eagle's Landing High School
who received the summer scholarship to Spain!**

Best of FLAG!

The "Best of FLAG Award" will be decided at the April 27th Board meeting.
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FLAG Teacher of the Year Award
Caroline Weathers Miklosovic
Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School



FLAG Professor of the Year

Dr. Carmen Chaves Tesser

Department of Romance Languages, University of Georgia



FLAG Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education

Susan Crooks

Pope High School, Cobb County



FLAG Award for Administrative Support

Marcia Spielberger

Foreign Language Coordinator of Fulton County Schools



FLAG President's Certificate of Excellence
For administrative support of foreign languages
Dr. Lennet Daigle
North Georgia College & State University, Retired

2001 Flag Awards

Presented at the Annual Conference, February 9 - 10, Athens, GA
Jana Sandarg, Awards Coordinator

Best of FLAG!

Corinne Barnes, Douglas County High School

**"Making Classroom Management Fun in the Elementary Classroom:
Strategies and Games."**

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FLAG Teacher of the Year Award

Jim Jones, Clarke Central High School



FLAG Professor of the Year

Dr. Sandra Walker

Department of Modern Classical Languages, Valdosta State University



FLAG Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education

Dr. Raul Fernandez The Georgian School, Carrollton



FLAG Award for Administrative Support

Dr. Beth Reynolds,

Foreign Language Coordinator, Forsyth County Schools





2000 Flag Awards

Presented at the Annual Conference, February 11 - 12, Macon, GA

Jana Sandarg, Awards Coordinator

FLAG Teacher of the Year Award - Randy Fields (left)



FLAG Teacher of the Year - Dr. Carol Wilkerson (left)
Department of Foreign Languages, Kennesaw State University



*FLAG Award for Administrative Support
Dr. Michael McLemore (right), Griffin High School
Presented by Richard Beaton*



Certificate of Excellence - Lynne McClendon (right)



Certificate of Excellence - Marcia Spielberger (right)



Here is a summary of the earliest years of FLAG.



Former Flag Logo



Cover of *The Beacon*
Former title of the Journal

Sketch of Tybee Island Lighthouse
Drawn for *The Beacon*
by Thomas B. Daughtry
Clayton State University

1970	On October 24, 1970, CMFLA (Classical and Modern Foreign Language Association) and GMLS (Georgia Modern Language Studies) met and voted to merge. The proposed constitution had to be approved by the parent association, GAE. Dues of \$2 were decided upon. The proposed name was Georgia Foreign Language Association, or GFLA. Before the next meeting, Lindsey Few had proposed rearranging the name so it could be called FLAG, and the idea was accepted.
1971	On April 2, 1971, FLAG held its first meeting. The constitution had been approved, and officers were elected: President: Dr. Herman Bostick; 1st Vice President: Mrs. Lillie B. Hamilton; 2nd Vice President: Mr. Manuel T. Rivas; Recording Secretary: Miss Nellie Lamar; Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Billie Davis Gaines; Treasurer: Mr. William L. Gatlin. Teachers of the Year were Miss Ruth T. Wells (Latin); Mr. Charles Morrison (French); Miss Nellie Lamar (Spanish); and Mr. Julius T. Stevens (German). FLAG met again during the SCOLT conference in Atlanta, in October, 1971, and in April, 1972 during the GAE convention. State foreign language contests were scheduled for spring, 1972, in French, German, Latin, Russian, and Spanish. Teachers of the year were Mrs. Catherine Matthews (Latin); Mrs. Dorothy Connell (French); Mrs. Joyce Gosha (German); Mrs. Lillie B. Hamilton (Spanish); and Mrs. Billie Davis Gaines (Russian).
1973	On March 30, 1973, FLAG met in Atlanta. Two candidates for president were nominated, Lillie B. Hamilton and Ruth Keaton. Voting was by mail-in ballot. Teacher of the Year was Dr. Mirian T. Felder, who had "taught and worked with the three most generally taught foreign languages..."
1974	March 29, 1974 FLAG met in Atlanta. Lillie B. Hamilton was President, and Ruth Keaton was President-Elect.
1975	On April 4, 1975 the FLAG meeting was held in Atlanta. Ms. Ruth Keaton was elected President and served until 1977. Mr. William Rice was President-Elect. Teachers of the Year were Mrs. Wanda Bokoski (French); Dr. Alejandro Becerra (Spanish); Miss Jane Swann (Latin); and Mr. Kline Howell (German). Nov. 15, 1975 FLAG met in Macon. No further details are given.
1976	March 26, 1976 FLAG meeting at Georgia State University Teachers of the Year: Simone Cronk, Lovett School, Atlanta (French), Francine Blanke, Kendrick High School, Columbus (German); Carol Webb McChesney, Cross Keys H.S., DeKalb Co (Latin), Roslyn Sprayberry, Clayton Co Schools (Spanish) Nov. 13, 1976 FLAG meeting, Macon
1977	April 2, 1977 FLAG meeting, Atlanta President Mr. William Rice (1977-1979); Pres. Elect Mrs. Martha McClure Teachers of the Year: Judy Smith, Westminster School, Atlanta (French), Yvette Simpson, Northside High School, Atlanta (German), Ron Felds, Westwood High School, Atlanta (Latin), Beverly Warinner, Riverwood H.S., Atlanta (Spanish)
1978	FLAG meetings: March 31, Atlanta; November 4, Macon
1979	On March 17, 1979, FLAG met at Clayton Junior College in Morrow. Guest speaker was Jane Bourque, president of ACTFL. The state had been divided into ten districts, and a Teacher of the Year was named from each district. James L. Westcot, district 1; Milton Bentley, district 3; Nancy S. Grantham, district 4; Marie-Jeanne Dane, district 5; Algy Edwards, district 6; Gregory W. Duncan, district 7; Patricia S. Walden, district 8; Cecilia E. Murphy, district 9; Carolyn T. Howell, district 10. No one was named from district 2. In November, 1979, ACTFL met in Atlanta at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in conjunction with SCOLT and AATG.
1980	Very few details are available about the FLAG conference in 1980, except that it was held in the spring, and that Christiane Arons was Teacher of the Year.
1981	October 1-3, 1981, FLAG met with SCOLT at the Airport Marriott Hotel in Atlanta. The theme was "Foreign Language Teaching: Building on our Successes," and dues were raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00. The FLAG Spoken Language contest was held at Kennesaw Junior College on March 6, 1982.
1982	The 1982 conference was held September 24-25 in Athens around the theme "Creating in the Classroom." At that time the registration fee was \$6.00, and the Friday night dinner cost \$11.00 and the Saturday luncheon was \$7.00. Greg Duncan was elected President, and Mrs. June Legge was President Elect. Teacher of the Year was Dr. Shubael T. Beasley, and he also received the Certificate of Excellence.
1983	The 1983 Spoken Language contest was again held at Kennesaw Junior College on March 5, and on that same date, the Latin Contest took place at the University of Georgia Classics Department in Park Hall. The FLAG conference "Foreign Language: A Positive Image for the 80's" was in Athens November 4-5. Kathy Baird Brannan was Teacher of the Year. Her mother Allyne Baird had been a former Teacher of the Year. The Certificate of Excellence was given to Dr. James Alexander for his lifetime of service to foreign language.
1984	On March 3, 1984, for the first time, the FLAG Spoken Language Contest and the FLAG Latin Contest were held at the same location, Kennesaw Junior College. The FLAG Conference was held in Athens on October 5-6, 1984. The theme was "Kaleidoscope: What's New in Foreign Languages?" Carol Herron of Emory University delivered the keynote address on "Successful Experiences in Foreign Language Education." Dr. June Legge was elected President, and Algy Edwards was President-Elect. Teachers of the Year were Dr. Richard Beaton and Mrs. Betsy Frank, both of whom taught Latin.
1985	In 1985, the FLAG Spoken Language Contest and the Latin Contest were both held at Wheeler High School. October 10-12, 1985, the FLAG conference was held in conjunction with SCOLT at the Ramada Hotel Capitol Plaza in Atlanta. The theme was "Perspectives on Proficiency." Teacher of the Year was Carolyn Howell, Spanish teacher at Cedar Shoals High School.
1986	Wheeler High School again hosted the Spoken Language Contest in 1986. On September 26-27, 1986, the FLAG conference was back in Athens, and Dr. Richard Beaton was elected President. Lowell Bouma was President-Elect. Few other details are available about this year's conference.
1987	The FLAG Spoken Language Contest and the Latin Contest were held in the spring of 1987 at Riverwood High School in Fulton County. On October, 1987, at the conference, theme "Foreign Languages: Trick or Treat?" (no exact date or location available) FLAG named Dr. Clara Krug Teacher of the Year. Dr. W. Ray Cleere was recognized for his contributions to the advancement of foreign languages in Georgia, and Lee Bradley received a Certificate of Excellence. Martha G. McClure received a special award for her long years of faithful service to the profession. The 1988 Georgia Teacher of the Year was Jean Carolyn Williams, a Spanish teacher at Douglas County Comprehensive High School, and she was also recognized.
1988	1988 - A new award was given for the first time in 1988: The Genelle Morain Award, for the individual submitting the best piece for publication in the Beacon. Criteria were originality and effectiveness, and the piece must be timely and well-written. No 1988 publications are on file, so we don't know who won this award in 1988. If any readers still have publications from this year, please help us fill in this information.
1989	The following year, FLAG moved the annual meeting from fall to winter, so there was no meeting in 1989. The meeting was held February 9 - 11, 1990, in Savannah. A pre-conference workshop by Greg Duncan was so successful that the FLAG board decided to offer more in the future. Lowell Bouma of Georgia Southern College was elected President, and he also received the Genelle Morain Award. Lillie B. Hamilton received a special award for her 25 years of service to the teaching profession. FLAG also gave an award to Thomas Daughtry, who designed the new cover for the Beacon. Ralph Gavett, teacher of both Latin and German, was FLAG teacher of the year, and Dr. Nancy Shumaker, Spanish professor at Georgia Southern College, was FLAG Professor of the Year. The spoken language contest was held at Shiloh High School in Gwinnett County.
1990	The FLAG meeting was held November 2-3, 1990, at the Macon Hilton. The theme was "FLAG: New Decade, New Directions, New Dimensions." John DeMado conducted a general session. Lynne McClendon of Fulton County Schools was elected FLAG President. Nancy Rice, Latin teacher at Milton High School in Fulton County, was FLAG Teacher of the Year, and Jana Sandarg, Spanish professor at Augusta College, was named Professor of the Year. The FLAG board designated new categories of awards to recognize those who promote foreign languages in Georgia. Maureen DeLoach, principal of Rockbridge Elementary School in Gwinnett County, was recognized for her establishment of an elementary Spanish program at her school. Georgia Senator Sallie Newbill, a former teacher, was awarded the 1990 FLAG Certificate of Merit in recognition for her legislation allowing middle school students the opportunity to take foreign language during the academic block. Dr. Robert Freeman, Superintendent of DeKalb County Schools, received a FLAG Merit Award for his support of foreign language programs, including a pilot program in six elementary schools. For the first time in five years, FLAG dues were increased, to \$15.00.
1991	In 1991, the annual meeting was again moved to February, so no meeting took place in 1991. The Georgia Legislature voted to fund pilot programs in foreign languages.
1992	FLAG met February 7-9, 1992, at the Savannah Hyatt. The theme was "Culture: More than Lip Service." Genelle Morain spoke at the banquet Friday night at 7 P.M. The Saturday luncheon was a business meeting. Peter White, President of the Southern Center for International Studies, was keynote speaker at a 9 A.M. session on Saturday. The award for Fostering Partnerships with Foreign Languages was given to Summit National Bank of Atlanta; Administrative Support for Foreign Languages award went to George "Chip" Haines, Assistant Principal of Crabapple Middle School in Roswell, and to Dr. Mary Montgomery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for Lamar County Schools. Awards for Leadership in Foreign Language Education were given to four individuals: Dr. Genelle Morain of the University of Georgia, Dr. Janice Martin Benario of Georgia State University, Dr. Clara Krug of Georgia Southern University, and Gisela Griffin of DeKalb County Schools. Certificates of Merit for service to and support of the foreign language teaching profession were given to Lt.Gov. Pierre Howard, State Senator John Foster, State Superintendent Werner Rogers, and Francoise Cloutier, Public Affairs Attache for the Quebec Government in Atlanta. Ted Kalivoda of the University of Georgia received the Genelle Morain award, and Dr. Jerry Weatherford received an award for his years of dedicated service as editor of the Beacon. The spoken language contest was held at two sites for the first time on March 7, 1992. One was Redan High School in DeKalb County, and the second at ABAC, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, in Tifton.

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FLAG held a joint conference with SCOLT at the Atlanta Hyatt Regency Hotel February 11-13, 1993. The theme was "Foreign Languages: Internationalizing the Future." Donna Myers was installed as FLAG President. John DeMado was keynote speaker. Mr. Elliott Bouis, a non-Foreign Language person, and father of Liz Bouis, was the first recipient of FLAG's Certificate of Excellence for storing all Foreign Language teachers and programs on a computer. The second Certificate of Merit went to Mrs. Mary Ellen Beaton for her behind-the-scenes work for FLAG and other language organizations for many years. Dr. Betty Y. Brown, Superintendent of Emanuel County Schools, received the award for Administration Support for Foreign Languages. Two 1993 awards for Fostering Partnerships with a Foreign Language were given to The Mill Creek Foundation, and to Martha Hughes. Deborah Riedmiller of Central Gwinnett High School received the FLAG Award for Promoting Student Achievement in Foreign Languages. Carmen Reyes of Jonesboro High School was the recipient of the FLAG Award for Excellence in Foreign Language Teaching; and Horst Bussiek, German Foreign Language Consultant for the State Department of Georgia, received the FLAG Leadership in Foreign language Education Award.

The position of Executive Secretary was created to compile information for Fall Features as well as printing and mailing; to coordinate all mailings of the Executive Board; and to increase membership through special mailings and contacts and preparing and updating membership brochures. This person would receive an honorarium of \$2,000.00 per year, and the Beacon contained an application form for this new position.

The 1993 FLAG spoken language contest was held at Pope High School in Cobb County, and at ABAC in Tifton. The Latin contest was held only at Pope H.S.