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Some recipients stopped to have a photo taken with Senator Anna Wishart. Back Row: Nila Jacobson (NILA), Rebecca Gill-Rose (NILA), Senator Anna Wishart, recipient Laura Nichols, Stephanie Call (NDE), Dr. Nick Ziegler (NILA). Front Row: recipients Rachel Tvrdy, Kaitlynn Kool, Carly Poskochil, Sidney Svehla

Twice the Language Power

The Seal of Bi-literacy was awarded to 39 students this year at a brunch at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Lincoln on Saturday September 30. Senator Anna Wishart commended the recipients on their hard work and dedication to language studies. The Nebraska International Language Association awards the Seal to students who have

attained proficiency in English and a second language. Proficiency in a second language is measured by score standards on various proficiency tests and having completed three or more years of second language study. All interested students submit proof of scores or course completion to NILA and an application through NILA's website.

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Charlamos

Reflections from the World Language Specialist



The Nebraska Department of Education has a Teaching and Learning Team comprised of content area specialists. As the World Language specialist, I have the opportunity to offer professional development, to organize resources, and to work with our J1 visiting teacher program. The best professional development is the kind teachers want and can use. To this end, I have been visiting local schools in order to find out more about what concerns and suggestions

Nebraska teachers have for World Language programming. Each of these visits has helped me to develop an understanding of available resources and where our greater areas of needs are. As the year continues, I hope to reach out to more districts and to gather data through surveys. The more information I have, the better I can meet the professional development needs of Nebraska teachers. If you would like to help by sharing the perspective of your school experience, please email me.

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NILA Conference

The Nebraska International Language Association annual conference will take place Friday October 27 and Saturday October 28. On Friday, NILA hosts a preconference workshop at the University of Nebraska Omaha's Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center. "Creating an Intercultural Communicative Language Learning Environment" is a workshop for teachers to integrate intercultural learning tasks. The presenter will be Dr. Ali Moeller, Edith S. Greer Professor at UNL and President-Elect of ACTFL. On Saturday, the conference moves to Millard North High School for multiple sessions, a keynote address by Dr. Moeller, and an awards luncheon. For registration information, visit the NILA website.

- <http://www.nebraskalanguages.com/fall-conference---2017.html>



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Linguafolio's New Proficiency Levels

Linguafolio is a portfolio assessment tool designed to involve students in the assessment process. There are three components: a passport of formal qualifications, a biography with self-assessments known as "Can-Do" statements, and a dossier of student work. This year, the Can-Do statements have been updated to include five proficiency levels: novice, intermediate, advanced, superior, and distinguished. There are also new intercultural communicative Can-Do statements. Access to an online Linguafolio can be purchased for \$2.00 per student at the University of Oregon Center for Applied Second Language Studies website. More information about the Linguafolio and a free download (with registration) can be found on the National Council of State Supervisors for Languages website.

- <http://ncssf.org/linguafolio/>
- <https://casls.uoregon.edu/classroom-resources/linguafolio-online-eportfolio/>

Financing a World Language Education

There are a surprising number of scholarships available at the college level for students who are studying World Languages. Modern Language and Learning Department Chair Dr. Patricia Simpson at the University of Nebraska Lincoln recently shared a list of nationally competitive scholarships. The Boren Scholarship offers up to \$20,000 for undergraduates studying a critical language. The DAAD Rise scholarship supports 8-10 weeks of undergraduate STEM research in Germany. As high school seniors consider college programming, they should be encouraged to look for financial aid that supports World Language learning.

Spread The Word!

I would love to display student work, student activities, and World Language programs throughout the state in this newsletter and on our social media accounts. All student work and photos must be accompanied by a permission form. Email me at stephanie.call@nebraska.gov with a description of what you would like to share and I can send the permission forms and instructions for sharing.

Events

◆
Move to the Music:
Craft your own
instruments and
mariachi performance
South Omaha Library
October 7

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Workshop
On Target: Language
and Technology
ESU 6 Milford
October 10

◆
Hispanic Latino Summit
Kearney
Younes Conference
Center
October 16

◆
Nebraska International
Languages Association
Fall Conference 2017
Millard North High
School
1010 S 144th St.
Omaha, NE 68154
October 27-28
See [NILA website](#) for
more details!

◆
ACTFL Convention
Nashville, Tennessee
November 17-19

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