

COLT

Capital Organization of Language Teachers



Innovative Educator, NYSAFLT Webmaster and 21st Century Principal, Ken Hughes, slated to be Keynote Speaker at the 2010 Regional Conference.

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COLT Gathering planned for January

The Mid-Winter Blues meeting will be 1/27 at 4 p.m. - 6 with a snow date the following Wed. at Mohonasen **Draper**

Middle School

2070 Curry Road Schenectady, NY

Directions:

<http://www.mohonasen.org/directions/index.cfm>

A brief business meeting will be followed by short presentations. Light refreshments will be served. Registration available on 123 signup after Jan 1st, No charge for current COLT members, \$5 for guests.

January Meeting

Friday, 1/27/10

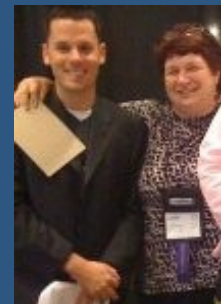
4:00 pm

Mohonasen Draper Middle School

[Click here to register for free!](#)

COLT Awards!!

COLT is pleased to announce two new awards that will be available to COLT members this school year. The first is the Teacher's Incentive grant that is an award of up to \$150 that may be used for classroom, language club and/or language honor society programs. Teachers interested in implementing new techniques or purchasing materials to enrich language teaching and learning in the LOTE classroom, but are lacking funds, should apply. The award winner will be announced in the Spring COLT Newsletter and will receive their check at the COLT Banquet in May. The second award is a Student Recognition award. The \$50 cash prize will be awarded to a student that may have any or all of the following criteria: outstanding achievement in the foreign language, outstanding effort; appreciation of the value of studying other languages and cultures, and an interest in pursuing foreign language study. The Student Award winner will be announced in the Spring COLT Newsletter and will receive a check for \$50. All application materials including the rubrics will be posted on the COLT web site in January 2010 and the deadline for both awards is March 20, 2010.



Mike and Leslie are hard at work to represent NYSAFLT in the Capital Region.

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Do you have a
student teacher?

Consider giving your
student teacher a
COLT or NYSAFLT
membership as a
gift.

A Special Thank you to Jill Dugan, Regional Director

Jill Dugan's three year term as Capital Region Director for NYSAFLT will end this month. Jill, ever since she moved to the Capital Region, has dedicated an enormous amount of time to both NYSAFLT and COLT as director, treasurer, conference chair, committee chair and more. Jill will still be involved in NYSAFLT and COLT. She has set a great example demonstrating how necessary and rewarding volunteering for these organizations can be. Please take a moment to thank Jill for her efforts.

The 2010 Northeast Conference & NYSAFLT Spring Colloquium

March 25-27, 2010

[Click here for information](#)

Join COLT or Renew Your Membership for 2009-2010

Benefits of C.O.L.T. Membership:

- Annual Membership (July-June)
- Free quarterly e-newsletter
- Discounted conference and event fees
- Free events
- Quality professional development

- Regional Conference
- Quarterly workshops and social gatherings

- Ability to network with area LOTE teachers
- A vote in COLT elections and constitutional decisions

To become a 2009-2010 COLT Member,
click here:

[New Members \(enroll\)](#)

Members Only:

[Existing Members \(renew for 2009-2010\)](#)

[Update your profile and contact information](#)



News from NYSAFLT

The 2010 Regional Conference Co-sponsored by COLT and NYSAFLT will be Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Bethlehem Central High School. Please visit www.capitallanguageteachers.org/conferencesevents for more info.

The 2010 Northeast Conference & NYSAFLT Spring Colloquium, "**Simply Irresistible: People, Programs, and Practices that Inspire,**" A Joint Professional Event, will take place at the **New York Marriott Marquis, March 25-27, 2010.**

There is still time to register for this event. Please visit: <http://www2.dickinson.edu/progr/nectfl/conf.html> for more information and to register.

As a NYSAFLT member, you can take advantage of many awards and scholarships for teachers and students. Please visit <http://www.nysaflt.org/awards/> for more information.

If you are not a NYSAFLT member or you need to renew your membership for 2010, please visit <http://www.nysaflt.org/membership/> to register by mail or online.

NYSAFLT, COLT and LOTE teachers across the state need your support to advocate for our profession and the language learning needs of our students. Please consider joining in the advocacy efforts of NYSAFLT. Click here for more information. <http://www.nysaflt.org/advocacy/>