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On Friday, September 28, COLT held a reception at Farnsworth Middle School in Guilderland to congratulate the Niskayuna LOTE Language Department as they received this year's prestigious James E. Allen award.

The James E. Allen Distinguished Foreign Language Program Award recognizes and honors outstanding foreign language programs throughout NYS. One school district or school as well as one post-secondary institution within each of NYS AFLT's ten regions can be selected annually for the award.

The selection committee takes into account the size of the district, number of languages offered, number of students taking languages, extra-curricular programs, public relations, teacher participation at local and state professional events, etc.

Mr. Ed Alston, Director of LOTE at Niskayuna Schools, and several of his colleagues attended the celebration. Throughout the afternoon, they made themselves available to share the wonderful accomplishments that lead up to winning this award.

Save The Date:

Eat, Meet, Greet:

*Thursday,
January 10,
Schalmont High
School*

COLT Regional
Conference:
*Saturday,
March 29, 2008
Farnsworth Middle
School*

*Not yet a
member?*

*See membership
form on last page
of this newsletter.*

*Do you have a
student teacher?*

*Consider giving
your student
teacher a COLT or
NYS AFLT
membership as a
gift.*

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The latest from our regional directors:

Welcome COLT members to our newly revived newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you. We are Jill Dugan from Farnsworth Middle School and Colleen Sheehan from Cobleskill-Richmondville High School. We are the NYS AFLT Capital District Directors for this school year. We hope that you are all members of NYS AFLT and are aware of all that NYS AFLT has to offer. There are many benefits to being a member of NYS AFLT including but not limited to: teacher and student scholarships, teacher incentive grants, the school-wide James E. Allen Award, subscription to the NYS AFLT Language Association Journal and NYS AFLT News, professional development opportunities through the annual state conference, regional conferences, summer institute and finally the opportunity to network, share experiences and knowledge with other professionals from across the state. We hope you will visit the web site at www.nysaflft.org. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

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Eat, Meet and Greet Planned for January '08

COLT will have a Potluck gathering at Schalmont High School on Thursday, January 10 from 4:30pm – 7:30pm. Please bring an appetizer, entrée or dessert.

After some socialization and good eats, you will be treated to an engaging presentation on "personalization" in the LOTE classroom.



2008 Regional Conference Planning Committee holds first meeting.

On Friday, November 30, the members of the regional conference planning committee held its first meeting. The committee is in search of potential presenters, vendors and ideas for the 2008 Regional Conference.

The next planning committee meeting will be Friday, January 4 at Farnsworth Middle School in Guilderland.

Web links

Click below for more information about COLT.

<http://www.nysaflft.org/regions/capital.html>

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to your colleagues.

COLT Membership Form for 2008
(Jan. – Dec.)

As Treasurer for COLT, I thank you for joining! Please provide the following:

First name and last: _____

Work e-mail address: _____

and / or

Home e-mail address: _____

(***An e-mail address is important because COLT would like to send notices for events via e-mail as well as a COLT newsletter. "Snail mail" may be used should e-mail not be available.)

Home Address: _____

Language(s) taught: _____

School address: _____

School ph. # (and ext. if necessary) _____

COLT would like your input. How might you be able to assist COLT?

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