

COLT Capital Organization of Language Teachers



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SUNY Albany to eliminate programs

Earlier this month SUNY Albany announced plans to do away with French, Italian, Russian and classics programs. This is in spite of the fact that their motto in recent years has been “The world within reach”. Please take a minute to read and sign the petition if you support the protest.

<http://www.petitiononline.com/SUNY/petition.html>

Letter from Immediate Past President, Colleen Sheehan

Greetings,

Hopefully everyone has had a good start to the year. I would like to thank the COLT Executive Board for all of their hard work to put together our fall meeting. The fall meeting and dinner at Tops is free to all COLT members. [Click here](#) to register; you don't want to miss this event!

It was such a disappointment to hear the news that State Ed had decided to eliminate the Proficiency Exams and the Regents exams in all languages except Italian (for this year) and French and Spanish. This will be the discussion topic for our first COLT meeting that will be held on October 27th at Tops Diner in Rotterdam. As the year progresses we need to come together and remind our students, parents, administrators and legislators that languages are a key component of 21st Century Learning. October would be a great time to:

- Become an active member
- Write to your legislators
- Enter the NYS AFLT video contest to promote language learning
- Renew your professional memberships
- Send parents a newsletter and or picture of your students
- Promote COLT and NYS AFLT by asking fellow teachers to join.

Whatever you do as an individual, remember that collectively we have a voice and can take pride in our local and statewide organizations of COLT and NYS AFLT.

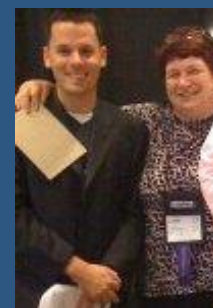
Hope to see many of you on October 27th at Tops,

Colleen Sheehan
Immediate Past President

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[Leslie Kudlack](#) (2012)

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

**Capital Organization of
Language Teachers**

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Not yet a member?

[Click here!!](#)

**Do you have a student
teacher?**

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



Come to our fall dinner!

All current COLT members are invited to a buffet dinner on Wednesday October 27, 2010 at Tops Diner in Rotterdam. The event will start at 4:30, cold drinks will be included and a cash bar will be available. Following social time and dinner will be a discussion on the elimination of the LOTE assessments, and how we as educators can deliver and maintain our language programs in the challenging economic times. Hope to see you there! [Click here to register \(registration\)](#)

Join COLT or Renew Your Membership for 2010-2011

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

- Annual Membership (July-June)
- Free quarterly e-newsletter
- Free events
- Discounted conference and event fees
- Network with area LOTE teachers
- Quality professional development
- Awards

**To become a 2010-2011 COLT Member,
click here:**

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

Members Only:

[Existing Members \(renew for 2010-2011\)](#)

[Update your profile and contact information](#)

[Visit us on Facebook!](#)



Visit NYS AFLT.org

Urgent Updates from NYSED:

NYS AFLT would like to provide you with a centralized location for all matters that require immediate attention from its membership.

<http://www.nysaflt.org/urgent/>

Video Contest:

NYS AFLT is pleased to offer to its members and their students the opportunity to participate in a student video contest whose purpose is to promote the study of all Languages Other Than English (LOTE) and bring media attention to the critical need for all students to have the opportunity to learn a second language. This replaces the traditional poster contest.

<http://www.nysaflt.org/videocast>

Scholarships and Awards:

NYS AFLT offers a multitude of awards and scholarships that range from savings bonds for students to travel stipends for teachers. Please select the hyperlink below to learn more about that particular scholarship or award.

<http://members.nysaflt.org/awardscholarship.htm>

Administrators page:

NYS AFLT would like to offer you, the public or private school administrator, assistance in helping you with any foreign language questions that you may have, from recruiting to assessment to curriculum and professional development.

<http://www.nysaflt.org/admin/>

Parent Resources:

This page is designed for all the parents who have a child studying a foreign language. NYS AFLT believes that your role is essential in the success of your child's learning of a foreign language. Therefore, you will find here important information about what you can do to help your child and things you should know about the study of a foreign language.

<http://www.nysaflt.org/parents/>

A message from our sponsors:

Joe Illig of EMC Publishers wrote that they have a new Chinese Program, hot off the press. If your district is offering a Chinese course you can request a free sample of Zhen Bang and a complimentary copy of level one will be sent to you! Of course if your district were looking at any other languages we would also welcome the opportunity to send samples. Special fall deals are good until 12/18/10. Contact Joe at: jillig@emcp.com or 866-684-4615

CAPITAL DISTRICT AND BEYOND WORKSHOP SKILL REVIEW AND COACHING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010
8AM-3PM

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Capital District Regional Conference

Co-sponsored by the Capital Organization of Language Teachers (COLT) and the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers (NYSAFLT)



Save the date for the 2011 Regional Conference

Workshops, exhibitors, and a continental breakfast

Saturday, March 19, 2011
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Check the COLT website after January 1st for more details.
<http://www.capitallanguageteachers.org/conferencesevents>