

**The Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers
Announces its 2022 Teacher of the Year Award
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At our annual fall conference, the Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers (CCFLT) recognizes its annual Teacher of the Year. This fall, we honor, with distinct pleasure, Dr. Laurette Nassif, French teacher at Douglas County High School of Douglas County School District.

Within Dr. Nassif’s dossier, our awards committee saw a breathtaking spectrum of lessons, units, and assessments that place proficiency, rigor, and student engagement at the heart of her practice. Her instruction traces an arc of skills from novice to intermediate, and even higher. The samples of her student work within her International Baccalaureate program feature a level of French that significantly surpasses the bottom benchmark of a simple “passing” grade, and one sees her students communicate in French with complexity and fluidity through the use of refined and polished language. Evidence abounds as to how her students have come to speak such excellent French—at all levels, even novice, she presents authentic and intelligent lessons in fluent, but accessible, French, inviting students to “dig in” to difficult material. Her instruction reminds educators everywhere that excellent teaching encourages students not just to meet, but to exceed, expectations. The CCFLT congratulates Dr. Nassif for her decades of dedication, commitment, and leadership to Colorado’s schools, teachers, and students.

The CCFLT is the only official state organization that both represents world language educators and promotes world language education within the state of Colorado. To this end, the CCLFT has pledged to provide high-quality professional growth opportunities to members; to secure broad membership among language educators; to advance the interests and the status of world language study; and to network with members and other professionals at local, national, and global levels. The CCFLT proudly serves a corpus of more than 550 educators from preschool to post-secondary levels.

For more information about the CCFLT, or to learn about how to nominate yourself or a colleague for an award, please contact Dr. Amy Romanowski, Awards Committee Chair, at grantsandawards.ccflt@gmail.com.



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