

Conference 2011 Message from the President FLAVA

FLAVA was established 100 years ago with the vision to serve world language educators and education.

Colleagues, welcome to **your** professional conference, **hosted** by your professional organization, the Foreign Language Association of Virginia!

I begin my welcome with a reminder: this is **your** conference, dedicated to connecting you with the best practices and professionals in the career you have chosen.

The **host** is your professional organization, connecting you with the foundations and information you need for today and with the vision and resources you need for the future.

Bring the connections you make here back home. Connect what you experience with your students, parents, administration, and community. Strengthen your own professional life and those of many others by connecting with FLAVA as a volunteer: at the conference, on the Board, as an advocate for the profession of language teaching and learning in Virginia.

FLAVA is not just about hosting this wonderful conference. FLAVA connects with the wider world of language and culture education by:

- Providing workshops around the state, around the year
- Presenting and advocating world language education at the state and national level
- Connecting with regional organizations to make the voice of language professionals heard
- Gathering resources – information, people, tools – to help you do your best

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This conference you come to today is one reflection of that vision.

Enjoy the conference! Celebrate! Connect with the excellence you see and hear here, take it home to enrich others, and then – we ask you – come and join us in making the vision bigger and stronger for the next 100 years.

Welcome!

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President