

Meilleurs vœux pour cette nouvelle année à toutes et tous !

It was wonderful to see so many of you in Kissimmee.

Despite the delay from Hurricane Ian, we had an impressive, informative and very interesting line-up of presentations at this special New Year's edition of the FFLA conference. The theme was "Sustaining Excellence in Uncertain Times," and our French presenters were more than up to the task.

Tara Ellsley shared her CI-based approach to reading a class novel. Juniace Etienne shared multi-level strategies and tools to engage students with the diverse countries and cultures of the francophone world. Béren Sacra expanded on cultural exploration with her techniques for examining the impact and meaning of street art with students. Inclusivity was the focus for Sandrine Collomb, as she shared resources and activities for three different levels. Geraldine Blattner expanded our repertoire of resources with her forthcoming OER, an alternative to traditional textbooks. Our culminating session was a swap shop, led by Deanna Scheffer, which gave us all the chance to share interesting lessons and ideas.

As always, conferences give us the time and space to connect, recharge and rejuvenate our teaching practice. Connection is key, especially when we are often so isolated at our schools. In the spirit of collegiality and support, please join us for our upcoming virtual apéro on Friday, February 10 at 5 pm and for an in-person event in Melbourne on Saturday, April 15. Details below.

We look forward to seeing you soon and wish you a happy, prosperous and fulfilling new year!



French Teacher of the Year

The Florida Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French is proud to announce that Dr. Tara Ellsley from NSU University School in Ft. Lauderdale is the 2022 Florida French Teacher of the Year.

Tara has been a well-loved teacher at her school for over 15 years. She is especially known for using music every day in class. She is a great role model for her students and is always learning new ways to engage them in becoming proficient in French. She has been applying CI techniques in the last five years.

This past year, her classes enjoyed reading the novel, *Un voyage difficile*. She recently shared her experiences using CI techniques with the book during her workshop at the Florida Foreign Language Association Conference.

Tara has served as President of Congrès de la culture française en Floride, the oldest and

largest student competition for French in the US. During Covid, she was able to keep the competition alive by bringing in some 21st-century techniques. Thanks to her brilliant leadership, many schools are now able to participate remotely!

Félicitations Tara!

Upcoming events

The Apéro returns!

We are bringing back the popular Apéro. Join us on Friday, February 10 at 5 pm on [Zoom](#) to wind down from the week, talk to people who know exactly what you're going through, and maybe even pick up a lesson plan or new resource. FLAATF President Victoria Toste will be there to answer any questions you have in the lead-up to Manie Musicale.

Hosted on [Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 874 6805 1694

Passcode: 186714

FLAATF get-together

Mark your calendars! Join us in Melbourne on Saturday, April 15 for a day of workshops and idea-sharing at [Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy](#). We may even be able to organize a free guided tour of the Kennedy Space Center in French for the following day.

Details to follow.

2023 AATF Convention

The Convention will be held at the Delta Hotel in Trois-Rivières, Québec from July 23-26. The theme is: "La Justice sociale: Écoutons toutes les voix, racontons toutes les histoires." More information [here](#).

We are looking for individuals who are willing to serve as a Delegate for the Florida Chapter (a voting member) at the conference during the Delegate Assembly. Send us an [email](#) if you're interested.

FFLA 2023

It's never too early to start planning. The next FFLA conference will be held at the Hilton Oceanfront in Daytona Beach on October 25-28. We hope you will consider representing our organization by presenting your wonderful lessons.

Details to follow.

Other news

Job postings

Doral Downtown Charter Elementary School is still looking for a French teacher for next school year. Check out the details [here](#).

Renew your AATF membership

Please remember to renew your AATF membership for 2023 and add Florida as your chapter affiliation. These extra dues allow us to host fun events and support you throughout the year.

Renew online today.

Connect with us!

Do you have any fun and interesting events, lessons or activities happening in your classroom or French Club? We'd love to hear from you. Share your news [here](#).

You can also stay up to date on upcoming events by connecting with us on [Facebook](#) or checking out our [calendar](#).

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