

# COLT Capital Organization of Language Teachers



## 2010 Regional Conference Will Prepare Global Citizens

The Capital Region Conference Co-Sponsored by NYS AFLT and COLT will be Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar.

**Theme:** 21<sup>st</sup> Century LOTE: Preparing Global Citizens

See attached flyer or visit [www.capitallanguageteachers.org/conferencesevents](http://www.capitallanguageteachers.org/conferencesevents) to register.

## Letter from COLT President, Colleen Sheehan

Greetings,

COLT has been very busy the past few weeks. On January 27<sup>th</sup> we met to share ideas and we started a discussion on the challenges we are facing in our school districts. It was a great meeting and we hope to follow up with a survey of the language programs that are offered in our districts and how the budget difficulties are impacting these programs. The Regional Planning Committee has also been working hard to prepare for the March 13<sup>th</sup> Conference. [Click here](#) to register; you don't want to miss this event!

At our meeting last month there were many concerns about budget cuts leading to cuts in our language programs. It is so important that we do everything we can to promote our programs. Since February is Discover Languages ... Discover the World month, now would be a great time to:

- Encourage your students to consider a career in language teaching
- Hold a poster or video contest to promote language learning
- Put up a display where many people will see it
- Send parents a newsletter and or picture of your students
- Submit an article and picture to your school newsletter or website
- Invite administrators and Guidance Counselors into your classroom
- Share your latest travel pictures with your students
- Promote COLT and NYS AFLT, ask 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 March 13<sup>th</sup> at Bethlehem HS.

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COLT President

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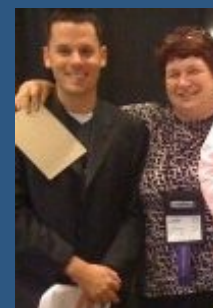
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Mike and Leslie are hard at work to represent NYS AFLT in the Capital Region.

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## COLT Members Successfully Beat the Winter Blues



COLT Members gathered at Mohonasen Draper Middle School to beat the Winter blues with some networking, advocacy and professional development. After a brief COLT business meeting, a number of Capital Region teachers presented mini-lessons on activities they do in their classrooms. A special thanks goes to **Jill Dugan, Patrick Keegan, Donna Keegan, Nancy Ladd Butz** and **Maureen Geagan** for presenting.

## COLT Nominations for 2010-2011

COLT is seeking names of current members to be nominated for the following 2010-2011 offices: President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary. The criteria for nomination and job descriptions can be found in the [COLT Constitution](#). Names can be submitted by e-mail to Mike Mitchell at [mitcm1hs@bcasd.neric.org](mailto:mitcm1hs@bcasd.neric.org). Elections will take place at our May meeting.

## Join COLT or Renew Your Membership for 2009-2010

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

- Annual Membership (July-June)
- Free quarterly e-newsletter
- Discounted conference and event fees
- Free events
- Quality professional development

- Regional Conference
- Quarterly workshops and social gatherings

-Ability to network with area LOTE teachers

To become a 2009-2010 COLT Member, click here:

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

Members Only:

[Existing Members \(renew for 2009-2010\)](#)

[Update your profile and contact information](#)



## News from NYSAFLT

The 2010 Regional Conference Co-sponsored by COLT and NYSAFLT will be Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Bethlehem Central High School. Please visit [www.capitallanguageteachers.org/conferencesevents](http://www.capitallanguageteachers.org/conferencesevents) for more info.

The 2010 Northeast Conference & NYSAFLT Spring Colloquium, "**Simply Irresistible: People, Programs, and Practices that Inspire,**" A Joint Professional Event, will take place at the **New York Marriott Marquis, March 25-27, 2010.**

There is still time to register for this event. Please visit: <http://www2.dickinson.edu/prorg/nectfl/conf.html> for more information and to register.

As a goal of the **Strategic Planning Committee**, NYSAFLT is excited to announce its newest technological endeavor. **Webinars** (on-line professional development seminars delivered via the World Wide Web) will be made available to NYSAFLT members as an opportunity to participate in professional development during the year. Stay tuned as we roll out this new technology in 2009 and 2010! Visit <http://www.nysaflt.org/webinars/> and sign up today!

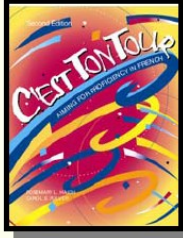
If you are not a NYSAFLT member or you need to renew your membership for 2010, please visit <http://www.nysaflt.org/membership/> to register by mail or online.

NYSAFLT, COLT and LOTE teachers across the state need your support to advocate for our profession and the language learning needs of our students. Please consider joining in the advocacy efforts of NYSAFLT. Click here for more information. <http://www.nysaflt.org/advocacy/>

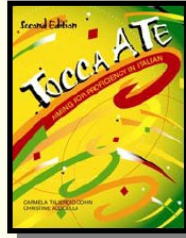
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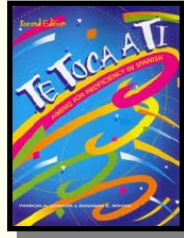
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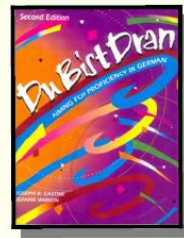
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# Capital District Regional Conference

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



## **21<sup>st</sup> Century LOTE: Preparing Global Citizens**

**Keynote speaker: Ken Hughes**

21<sup>st</sup> Century Principal & Innovative Educator

**Workshops, exhibitors and continental breakfast**

Saturday, March 13, 2010

8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bethlehem Central High School

700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054

Your registration includes workshops, a continental breakfast and coffee break.

Pricing:	Before February 26, 2010	After February 26, 2010
NYSAFLT or COLT Members	\$18.00	\$23.00
Non-Members	\$23.00	\$28.00
Pre-Service Teacher	\$10.00	\$10.00

Please register online by going to:

<http://capitallanguageteachers.org/conferencesevents>

- Registrants can pay with VISA, MasterCard, AMEX or print an invoice to mail with a check.
- Regardless of payment type, all attendees must register online.

# International Taste of the World Festival

March 27, 2010

Please save the date for the Second Annual International Taste of the World Festival on March 27, 2010 from 3-6 p.m. in the Silipigno Athletic Facility.

This special event celebrates our diverse school community and will feature an exciting afternoon filled with:

- Cuisine from dozens of countries
- International dance demonstrations
- A celebration of the many cultures that make our Academies community so wonderful.

Join us on March 27!

Contact World Languages Chair Madame Keegan at (518) 429-2300 or keegand@albanyacademies.org for more information.

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