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## Western New York Foreign Language Educators' Council

Winter 2019

# 2019 Regional Conference is right around the corner - March 2, 2019



### Don't miss out on one of our biggest events of the year!

Join us on **Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Lewiston-Porter High School** for the 2019 WNYFLEC/NYSAFLT Regional Conference! This year will feature Keynote Speaker Sara Moyer from Spencerport, as well as 4 exciting workshops. The best part is that, this year, *you don't have to choose* which workshop to attend, and fear missing out on another great workshop - all attendees will have the opportunity to attend all 4 workshops, and receive **5 hours of PD!** A light breakfast, coffee hour, and lunch are included, and you'll have plenty of time to check out our local vendors! Registration will open at 8:30, and the conference will run from 9am - 3 pm. [Click Here](#) for more information.

**Registration is now open**, and you can receive Early Bird Pricing through February 22. [Click Here](#) to register. Remember, rates increase on February 23!

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# A Note from Our President

Happy New Year!

I hope you were able to find some quiet, peaceful moments in between the craziness that the holidays always bring. I know I am definitely back to the swing of things now that we are well into January and back to school. It has been nice to have a fresh start with new resolutions and goals, personal and professional. One of the things I strive to do, is work alongside the WNYFLEC Board to make 2019 the best year WNYFLEC has ever seen. We have been working hard on all of the details for the Regional Conference, and I can honestly say that I have never been more excited! We hope you will join us, and bring your colleagues and friends to spend the day gathering some new ideas for your classroom! We value your membership and participation. Without you, we would be nothing. We teach. We work. We WNYFLEC. See you in March!



*Kristina Strauss*

## WNYFLEC Reminders



### Poster Contest Deadline Approaching

This is a reminder that all submissions for the poster contest are due **THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**. All posters must be submitted to Carol Wirth by this date. The poster contest is a great way to put your department in view, and to tap into the creativity and talent of your students! Please [Click Here](#) for rules and submission details!

## Check out our new website!

WNYFLEC.org has gotten a makeover! It is still your go-to location for any news, information, forms and registrations, but it has a fresh, new look. [Check it out!](#)



## Renew your membership today!

Please remember that WNYFLEC membership runs on the calendar year, which means that if you're not a lifetime member, [renew your membership today!](#)

# NYS AFLT Update

From your outgoing NYS AFLT Director, Megan Fleck

It is with great sadness that I wrap up my term as NYS AFLT Regional Director. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the Western New York region at the state-level these past several years. However, I still look forward to attending at seeing you at the many wonderful events and development opportunities that NYS AFLT has to offer. As I head out of this role, I'd like to leave you with the following reminders:

- Your NYS AFLT membership may be up for renewal! Go to [nysaflt.org](https://nysaflt.org) to check your membership status, and renew today!
- Did you know that as a NYS AFLT member, you have FREE ACCESS to this year's webinars? [Click here](#) for a list of upcoming webinars, and register!
- Mark your calendars for these events!
  - This year's [Summer Institute](#) (aka, Summer Camp for Language Teachers) will be held at SUNY Oneonta from August 6-9. End the week with *up to 30 PD Hours* - a fun time and wonderful learning opportunity!
  - The [2019 Annual Conference](#) will be held November 1-2 at the Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs, NY. Stay tuned for more details!

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# Professional Calendar 2019

Event	Date	Location / Info
Poster Contest Deadline: <i>Foreign Languages Matter</i>	Friday, January 18, 2019	Submissions due to Carol Wirth <a href="#">Click here</a> for more details.
WNYFLEC/NYSAFLT Regional Conference: <i>#WorldLanguagesMatter</i>	Saturday, March 2, 2019 9 am - 3 pm	Lewiston-Porter Senior High School 4061 Creek Rd. Youngstown, NY <a href="#">Click here</a> for more details.
WNYFLEC Professional Award Nominations Due	March 25, 2019	<a href="#">Click here</a> for Award descriptions and application information
STAR Awards Dinner and Ceremony	June 5, 2019	Michael's Banquet Facility 4885 Southwestern Blvd. Hamburg Stay tuned for nominations details!
NYSAFLT Summer Institute <i>Recharging, Refreshing, Renewing our Foreign Language Practices</i>	August 6-9, 2019	SUNY Oneonta Oneonta, NY Stay tuned for more details!
NYSAFLT Annual Conference <i>World Languages: Opening Doors and Making Connections</i>	November 1-2, 2019	Saratoga Hilton Saratoga, NY Stay tuned for more details!

## Who are we?

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