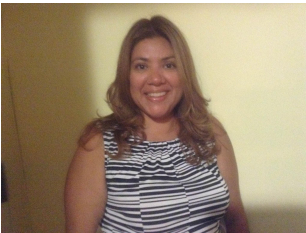


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Name	Role	Twitter handle	Photo (if you did not get a headshot taken by Jennifer at the Meet and Greet on Aug. 17, please upload one here)	Bio
Maria Downey	Mentor			Maria Downey completed her undergraduate degree in Spanish from Williams College and her Master of Arts in teaching Spanish from Binghamton University. For the past 15 years she has had the pleasure of teaching Spanish at Ramsey High School in Ramsey.
Dana Corasanti	Mentee			Dana Corasaniti is an Italian and mathematics teacher at Pascack Valley High School. She completed her undergraduate degree in Italian education and mathematics education from the University of Delaware and spent a semester in the Eternal City studying at John Cabot University. She has the pleasure of teaching both subjects and instilling in her students the joy and excitement she feels for Italian culture and language.
Liz Rodriguez	Mentor			Liz E. Rodriguez is a Spanish teacher at Toms River High School East in Ocean County, where she also advises the Hispanic Heritage Club. Liz has certification as a teacher of biological science. She has presented at FLENJ, ACTFL and AATSP and enjoys attending conferences to keep herself informed. In 2012, Liz completed her master's degree in Urban Education of World Languages with Specialization in Spanish from New Jersey City University.

Meg Bozzone	Mentee			Meg Bozzone, Spanish teacher at Knollwood Middle School in Fair Haven, was born into a family of teachers. After spending her junior year in Spain with St. Lawrence University (Canton, NY), Meg returned to Spain with a Thomas J. Watson Jr. Fellowship. She explored traditional festivals, learned flamenco and regional dances, and performed with a folklore group. Soon afterward she found herself back in Spain with Middlebury College to earn an M.A. in Spanish. Meg has worked at the Spain-USA Chamber of Commerce (New York, NY), as an editor at Scholastic Inc., and as editor-in-chief of Creative Classroom, a national professional magazine for teachers. After taking time to be a full-time mother, Meg became a teacher via the alternate route and is delighted to be teaching in one of NJ's world language model programs.
Gabriela McCann	Mentor			Gabriela McCann is a French teacher at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School in Iselin. Gabriela has a bachelor's degree in education with a minor in French language and literature, and worked as a kindergarten teacher for five years prior to earning her BA in French at Montclair State University. She is currently working towards her MA at Rutgers University and teaching French at the high school level, after teaching various levels for the past six years. Passionate about making her students' experience learning French more meaningful, she has established a Pen Pal Cultural Exchange program with a sister school in southern France, currently in its fourth year of existence. An avid user of technology, she has co-presented workshops at the district level, and has pioneered new technologies for use in the classroom. Gabriela encourages her students to become explorers of the world around them through a new language.

Daphne Alexandre	Mentee			Daphne Alexandre has earned her bachelor's degree in French at Montclair State University. She has been teaching French for 2 years and is currently teaching at Linden High School. She is excited to be a mentee with FLENJ .
Josephine Serrano	Mentor			Josephine A. Serrano is the supervisor of World Languages & ESL for the School District of the Chathams. She is a Cuban-American who began her journey in world language learning at the age of four and has happily continued this journey throughout all her life experiences. Her passion for languages fueled her undergraduate degree in Spanish, French and Italian and further directed her successful business management career in the international arena, where she utilized her various languages. That same passion ultimately prompted her to change career to share her experience in using languages as a means to better connect with people of other cultures. She holds an MBA from Baruch College of CUNY and an MAT from Montclair State University. Before her current position, she taught Spanish at Chatham High School and served as an adjunct professor at County College of Morris. She is excited to be a part of the FLENJ Mentoring program.
Martha Moncada	Mentee			Martha Moncada has earned her bachelor's degree in Spanish from Montclair State University. She has been teaching K-8th grade Spanish for 3 years and is currently the Spanish teacher at The Queen City Academy Charter School in Plainfield. She also works part-time as a fill-in court interpreter. Some of her other passions include traveling overseas, spending time with her family, and spoiling her dog Rico. She is excited to be a mentee with FLENJ and hopes to gain more knowledge and receive guidance that will give her the opportunity to grow as an

				educator.
Fernanda Saborido	Mentor	@saboridof		Fernanda Saborido is a Spanish and French teacher at Wayne Hills High School in Wayne, N.J. She has been teaching both languages for the past sixteen years. She earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish and French from Montclair State University and went on to earn a Master of Arts in teaching Spanish at Rutgers University. Fernanda absolutely loves teaching and sharing her love of languages with her students and other colleagues. She is looking forward to her second year as a FLENJ mentor.
Karla Giron	Mentee			Karla Giron is a Spanish teacher at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark. She earned an associate degree in science from Bergen Community College and bachelor's in Spanish from New Jersey City University. Born in El Salvador, she is passionate about teaching Spanish. She enjoys attending professional workshops and sharing ideas with colleagues. She looks forward to this new endeavor.
Jenny Rousos	Mentee			Jenny Benedetti Rousos is a graduate of Marist College whose undergraduate work and degree are in Spanish and political science. She is blessed to be living her second career, and is passionate about languages. Being a first-generation Argentine in the United States, she brings an expansive culture and background to her classes at Immaculate Conception School in Annandale. She looks forward to using her experience with technology and history in all of her classes.

Maria Vazquez	Mentor			María Vázquez currently teaches AP Spanish Language and Culture at Millburn High School. She studied in Madrid and Salamanca, and is a graduate of Seton Hall University, with degrees in Spanish Language & Literature and Secondary Education. María has been a College Board national consultant for over 25 years. She has conducted over 100 AP workshops and summer institutes throughout the United States and in Europe. Maria received the Advanced Placement Recognition Award from the Middle States Regional office. She served as Co-Chair on the AP Spanish Language Test Development Committee, and currently is the Assistant Chief Reader at the AP Reading. Maria is a Consultant for Pearson Publications: <i>AP Spanish Preparing for the Language Exam 2007</i>®, <i>Teacher's Guide – Lesson Plans Abriendo Paso Lectura 2007</i>® and <i>2012</i>®, coauthor of <i>El Movimiento Poblacional</i> College Board Curriculum Module 2012®.
Elena Spathis	Mentee	@SrtaSpathis		Growing up Greek-American, Elena Spathis always made language learning and culture key parts of her life. She graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and modern Greek studies in May of 2014, and recently received her master's degree in language education from Rutgers Graduate School of Education. She is looking forward to her first full year of teaching Spanish at Pascack Valley High School in Bergen County. In addition to teaching, she loves to travel, and hopes to spend all of her summers abroad!

Diane Reilly	Mentor			Diane Reilly has been teaching Spanish for over 20 years. This is my second year as a FLENJ mentor. My experience with my mentee last year was an unforgettable growth experience for both of us. For the past seven years I have been a high school Spanish teacher in Basking Ridge, but previously I taught Spanish in the elementary school in the same district. Imagine having students for 5 years in elementary school and then teaching those same students in high school. How wonderful is that! I have a B.A. from Douglass College in Spanish and 2 Ed. M. degrees in Education, one from Rutgers and one from The College of New Jersey (Class of 2015). Traveling and Spanish are my passions. My passion for Spanish began in high school when I was an exchange student in Mexico and then the following summer I studied in Granada, Spain. I have gone on teacher trips to Honduras to teach elementary teachers and supervisors strategies to enhance classroom instruction. I bring my enthusiasm for Spanish language and culture to every course I teach.
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