

ICLC Newsletter



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Lisa Lilley named top foreign
languages teacher



Lisa Lilley, Central High School Spanish teacher, visited ICLC campus in June 2009 with a group of High School teachers.

She was recently named the Central States Foreign Languages Teacher of the Year among peers from 17 Midwestern states, and honored at the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages on March 20, 2009 in Chicago.

As the 2009 CSC honoree, Lilley is among five regional finalists who will compete for the national foreign languages teacher of the year. That award, sponsored by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, will be announced in San Diego next November, 2009.

Lilley has taught 17 years in the district. She began her teaching career at Reed Middle School, taught 15 years at Glendale High School, and is currently at Central. In October, she was named Missouri's Distinguished Foreign Language Educator for 2008 at the Missouri Foreign Language Association annual conference. She was recognized for her leadership among students and teachers at the local and national level.

From: http://springfieldpublicschools.org/administration/PIO/Jan_2009_NewsReleases2.htm



Enjoying fresco de frutas

Who Will Be the Next ACTFL Teacher of the Year?

From: <http://www.actfl.org/actflteach.pdf>

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) has this annual competition to select a National Teacher of the Year for Foreign Languages, an award which was initiated in 2005. VIRGINIA GRAMER, Chair, I.C.T.F.L. Teacher of the Year Award explained that the purpose in creating the award was "to elevate the status of our profession at the state, regional, and national levels by creating opportunities for recognizing the most accomplished members of our profession."

ACTFL also stated that "the national winner of this award will be designated as an ACTFL sponsored "Ambassador for Foreign Languages" and will participate in "a number of media events." That was the experience of Ken Stewart, a teacher at Chapel Hill High School in Chapel Hill, South Carolina, the first to become the ACTFL Teacher of the Year in 2005.



The experience at ICLC

Lisa Lilley's efforts, in Coordination with ICLC Administration, permitted this group of teachers enjoy of a productive and unique opportunity. The highlight of the experience was the possibility to live with a Costa Rican family that provided contact with the Spanish Language and discovery of the cultural differences and similarities. School materials and activities were shared with the teachers, and they planted a tree as a way to remember the visit and to contribute and reflect on the importance of nature.

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