On Monday, October 2nd, 1,500 high school students in the 1818 dual-credit program and their instructors flooded onto SLU’s campus to participate in a day of education and engagement centered around the impact that language and culture have on the world. After welcoming remarks and the distribution of awards to the winning student-submitted poster and video, Dr. Kathleen Llewellyn gave a presentation on the importance of an education in language and culture. Current students of the department also spoke about their own experiences studying a foreign language at SLU. At that point, students split up by language and level of study to attend a mock class taught by members of our own faculty, while their instructors attended a professional development session lead by Dr. Simone Bregni. The day concluded with a luncheon, admission tours, and a quiz bowl. Brett DeLaria, director of the 1818 Advanced College Credit Program, summed up the event’s success, saying, “At times it’s difficult to see the good things going on. In our sometimes siloed world we lose sight of the big picture. I think today we demonstrated the positive vision and future of the University...which is our commonality rooted in our identity and mission. We blended academics and recruitment in a meaningful program that is the first of its kind in dual credit.”

Many thanks to all those in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures who worked tirelessly to make this day such a success: our 1818 program liaisons involved in the event (Dr. Arline Cravens, Germán Lorenzo Ayala, Dr. Joan Hart-Hasler, Dr. Greg Divers, Mina Sagan), all faculty members who taught and facilitated the students’ and instructors’ classroom experiences, and our staff. Your dedicated representation of our department and of language education in general was both positive and impactful. Thank you!

To view the video that won the student contest, please click [here](#).
Fall 2017 Chinese Language Partner and Mid-Autumn Party

The Chinese Language partner and Mid-Autumn party, led by Instructors from Chinese Division of LLC, was held on Friday, Sep. 15th from 3:00-4:00 at the Center for Global Citizenship Building, Multipurpose room 122.

Including students from Chinese language program, the Chinese instructors, and Chinese students, approximately 40 people participated in the party. The purpose of this event was to provide students an opportunity to come together to help each other learn their native languages, and establish an opportunity for cultural exchange and friendship. CHIN 2010 students performed a song named “The Moon Represents my Heart” echoing the coming moon festival. Attendees enjoyed fruits, snacks, and moon cake while engaging in lively conversations in the target language. Students emerged as one from this event, because the atmosphere of the event not only gave everyone a glimpse of Chinese cultural background, but also a sense of reunion.

If you are interested, you are always welcome to join us.

-Minli Zhang

Student Spotlight

German major Tristan Druelinger is one of twenty students nationwide to be featured as “Future German Teacher” on the American Association of Teachers of German Website. He is being honored for his excellence in German and dedication to the teaching profession. Congratulations, Tristan!

Faculty Kudos

A recent translation by Dr. Kathleen M. Llewellyn along with Emily E. Thompson, and Colette H. Winn, Jeanne d’Albret, Letters from the Queen of Navarre with an Ample Declaration, was very positively reviewed in Renaissance Quarterly (volume LXX, no. 2) and in Appositions: Studies in Renaissance / Early Modern Literature and Culture, (volume 10, August 2017).

On October 6 Sydney Norton presented “Lebensreform, Hellerau, and the Emergence of the Dresden Avant-garde” at the German Studies Association Conference. The paper was part of “Dresden: Municipal Visions/Utopian Visions,” a session which she co-organized.

Dr. Jean-Louis Pautrot organized the double concert of French acoustic guitarist and singer Pierre Bensusan, with the help of the Alliance Française, on Sep 2, 2017. Although renowned in the US and the recipient of guitar awards, this was Bensusan’s first appearance ever in St. Louis. The first concert was sold out and Bensusan performed a second one on the same evening.
ALL LANGUAGE LEARNERS ARE WELCOME, REGARDLESS OF LEVEL! COFFEE, TEA, AND SNACKS ARE PROVIDED!

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