



Welcome to the MFLA website.

My name is Elizabeth Harrison and I am currently serving as the Executive Director of MFLA. Like many of you, I am a high school foreign language teacher. I teach French and Latin and Houston High School in Houston, MS. I have a BA in French with a Minor in English from Ole Miss, and a MA in Foreign Languages with a Major in French and Minors in English, Latin, and Spanish from MSU. Later I returned to school and earned my EdS in Secondary Education and a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction, again from MSU.

I joined MFLA in 1992, while I was a senior at Ole Miss. Being a member of MFLA has been one of the best professional decisions of my career. The goals of MFLA has always been to encourage foreign language study at all levels in the state, provide meaningful professional development opportunities for foreign language educators, and network and connect with other foreign languages professionals. Over the years I have learned so much from being a part of MFLA. I credit MFLA with helping me improve my practice and connect with other foreign language teachers across the state. I think you will also find that MFLA is the place you want to be.

The Mississippi Foreign Language Association works closely with the Mississippi Department of Education and keeps its members informed of legislation, curriculum changes, and other news of interest to foreign language professionals. MFLA meets once a year with the full membership. Here members share ideas, network, and keep abreast of current issues in this ever-changing profession. MFLA publishes a newsletter/journal 3 times a year, and also sponsors workshops for foreign languages teachers in different areas of the state. CEUs are available at MFLA workshops and conferences.

MFLA is a support mechanism for foreign language teachers across the state of MS. We are here for you. We understand the unique challenges of being a foreign language teacher. We want you to know you are not alone, even if you are the only world language teacher in your school. Our membership is very important to us—it's who we are. Each year MFLA sponsors a variety of awards, scholarships, and fellowships, not just for you, but for your students as well. Each year we recognize the excellence of our profession through the K12 Teacher of the Year, Post-Secondary Educator of Excellence, and the MFLA Award of Distinction. We also recognize those individuals and/or businesses who contribute to MFLA or our profession in general through the Friends of Foreign Language award. We offer scholarships to students who plan on continuing their foreign language study at the university level, and fellowships for first-year teachers beginning their professional careers in foreign languages.

I hope you agree, MFLA is the place to be. Please consider joining (or renewing your membership). I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

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