



World Language Learning Center

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Welcome to the **World Language Learning Center**

Introducing students to languages, cultures, the world, and each other

by [Juliana Tabura](#) on August 2, 2020

Hello and welcome to the World Language Learning center! As the center for all language and cultural classes and events in the Moanalua/Radford school district, we work to provide students with a variety of classes that incorporate technology and authentic language-learning experiences, and strive to take students beyond the novice level of proficiency. The WLLC has organized and hosted a variety of events and opportunities for language students, such as the annual Speech Festival, Kokutaiji School and Daegeon High School visitations, travel abroad opportunities, and several community service and internship experiences.

In our first ever WLLC newsletter, we would like to help you get to know us a little better, and introduce you to our team and the things that we do!



Let's Meet the Crew!

The HIDEO WLLC Directors & Our 2020-2021 WLLC Officers

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Jaimelynn Tateyama, Director and Advisor of the World Language Learning Center

Years with the WLLC: 5

Favorite Food: Sushi

Language(s) Spoken/Learning: Japanese

Favorite Thing About the WLLC: The students!! The students that participate and reps that represent the World Language classes make up the WLLC and provide us with the inspiration to provide more language and culture programming.

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Lorena Wong, Co-Advisor of the World Language Learning Center

Years with the WLLC: 2

Favorite Food: Indian foods

Language(s) Spoken/Learning: Spanish, French

Favorite Thing About the WLLC: How internationally the students think and care about others

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Tiana Carmickle, President of the World Language Learning Center

Years with the WLLC: 3

Favorite Food: Korean Tofu Soup

Language(s) Spoken/Learning: Chinese & Korean

Favorite Thing About the WLLC: Getting to know new people and explore new cultures

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Juliana Tabura, Vice President of the World Language Learning Center

Years with the WLLC: 3

Favorite Food: Scallop egg drop soup

Language(s) Spoken/Learning: Korean

Favorite Thing About the WLLC: Being able to communicate student voice to teachers, administrators, parents, and between different schools, which means getting to meet a lot of unique and wonderful people

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Abcde Morales, Treasurer of the World Language Learning Center

Years with the WLLC: 2

Favorite Food: Sushi

Language(s) Spoken/Learning: Hawaiian

Favorite Thing About the WLLC: Being able to participate in culture activities and being able to learn more about the different languages itself

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Rosalyn Sproule, Secretary of the World Language Learning Center

Years with the WLLC: 3

Favorite Food: Baked Ziti

Language(s) Spoken/Learning: Spanish

Favorite Thing About the WLLC: Being able to participate in a cultural clubs and spread the importance of learning about the world around you and learning more than just the language

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Janelle Terrado, Historian of the World Language Learning Center

Years with the WLLC: 3

Favorite Food: Saimin

Language(s) Spoken/Learning: Chinese

Favorite Thing About the WLLC: Being able to experience new cultures and understanding other languages, and being able to meet new people and share interests with one another

We all look forward to working with and serving you this year, and hope that you do too!

What Does the WLLC Do?

Events, Services, and Experiences



People tend to ask us, “Are you guys a building center? Where can I find you?”. Unfortunately, we are not based in a single building (yet), but it makes it all the while easier to be flexible and to do the things that we do. The World Language Learning Center is based in Moanalua High School, but our reach extends to several schools and many students in the Moanalua/Radford complex and offers students a great variety of opportunities to go beyond the typical curriculum of learning a language. Aside from studying their target languages in class, students are given myriad opportunities to engage in amazing experiences that open their eyes to unique perspectives and wonderful cultures from around the world. They are also encouraged to participate in different events and presentations that challenge them to refine their

language skills and support the confidence that they have in their abilities. The events below are just a few examples of the things that the WLLC prepares for students throughout the year as we strive to bring people together and make language-learning fun!

SPEECH FESTIVAL

At the end of every school year, Moanalua High School and the WLLC organize and host the Speech Festival. Before the Speech Festival, students from every language and class work

for months learning their target language to write a speech for the festival. Speeches are written in the language that the student has been learning, and performed in front of a small panel of kind judges that provide helpful constructive criticisms and compliments for students to reflect on and grow from. Different booths and vendors are usually located in the cafeteria and around the Mene Square courtyard, occupied by representatives of organizations, clubs, and services that offer information and different opportunities for language students (i.e. international exchange programs, cultural clubs and activities, post-graduation opportunities). Speech Festival 2019 also had a free photobooth--something that we hope to offer again at future Speech Festivals--for students to take pictures with their friends, have some laughs, and commemorate an accomplishing day.

CULTURE WEEK

This event is held annually for Moanalua High School students and lasts through an entire school week, usually in the beginning of our second semester. The WLLC brings in a number of volunteers to deliver presentations to the different language classes and teach students about the culture of the people and places from which their target languages originate from. Last year, the presenter for the spanish language classes taught



students about latin dance, and they all had fun getting to learn and try out a couple of moves together. The presenters for our hawaiian language classes went into depth about the importance of `okina's (`) and kahako's (- , o) in `Ōlelo Hawai`i, as well as the as he ancient history behind why they are so significant to the meanings of Hawaiian words. Some classes are also usually visited by representatives from different departments at the University of Hawaii at Manoa; in past years korean language students were taught about the meanings of symbols and colors in the Korean flag (태극) and made their own flags from pieces of colored paper, and chinese language students were introduced to a card game that related to Chinese history. Aside from these wonderful activities, guests often bring presentations of the various opportunities that are opened to students learning languages (i.e. Korean Flagship Center, job opportunities). The WLLC also holds noon events during lunches in Mene Square and the Cafeteria that showcase cultural performances and teach all students, whether they are taking a language class or not, about different countries and cultures from around the world. For many students, Culture Week is a week of unforgettable entertainment, enjoyment, and education.

KOKUTAIJI HIGH SCHOOL VISITATION & DAEGEON HIGH SCHOOL VISITATION



One of the most important goals of the WLLC is to bring students and people together through language and culture. Every year in the fall, Moanalua High School hosts student guests from Kokutaiji High School in Japan for a few days, allowing students from Hawaii and Japan to connect with each other and build friendships from across the Pacific. During the Kokutaiji Visitation, Japanese language students get to guide our visitors around the Moanalua campus, play games with them, attend classes with them, and show them what our school and our students in Hawaii are like. All language students are then invited to attend a lunchtime dance with the Kokutaiji students, who thoughtfully prepared a dance performance to display to and teach the Moanalua students. Friendly gift exchange also occurs during this period: many Moanalua students prepare small gifts and keepsakes for the Kokutaiji students to take home to Japan, while the Kokutaiji

students give their Happi coats (Japanese Kimono-like coats, traditionally worn only during festivals) to their dance partner from Moanalua.

Like the Kokutaiji High School Visitation, Moanalua High School is also fortunate enough to host our sister school from Korea, Daegwon High School, for a few days in the winter/early spring. This time, Korean language students get to show our visitors around the school, engage in games and activities with them, and take them to their classes and introduce them to more friends from Hawaii. Although this visitation may not come with a lunchtime dance, the farewell ceremony presentations that the WLLC and the Daegwon visitors prepare for one another are just as wonderful and exciting. At last year's closing ceremony, students and teachers from both schools prepared speeches for each other to express their gratitude for a wonderful experience, and even sang and danced for each other before exchanging small gifts and parting ways.



Bonds form when people are exposed to each other's cultures and get to talk and play, finding that they can relate to each other more than they may have thought before. Many students remain in touch with each other after our sister schools return to Japan and Korea, and it makes us at the WLLC proud to know that we had a part in bringing people together.

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Our team also attends several meetings and events with language teachers and curriculum administrators as representatives of student voice and of the WLLC. Such meetings and events include:

ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

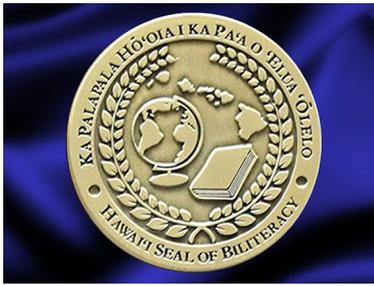
These meetings welcome voice and opinion from language teachers, curriculum administrators, parents, and students (we encourage both parents and students to participate in these monthly meetings). Several of our WLLC officers and student representatives attend the monthly Advisory Board meetings, either to help guide administrators to the meeting rooms, sit in on discussions, or both. This is one of the best ways that the WLLC bridges the gap between each part in our students' language learning, and allows us to assess and apply motions in the common interests of each influential component (administrators, teachers, parents, students).

MULTILINGUAL AND ARTS SYMPOSIUM

Last year was the first year that our WLLC officers were invited to attend the Hawaii Department of Education Multilingual and Arts Symposium. Teachers, language curriculum administrators, DOE officials, and representatives from different culture groups/programs from around the state attend this symposium to discuss and learn about how multilingualism and the arts can help to improve and empower student voices. Representatives from different schools, the HIDOE, and local public figures present and sit in on workshops and "Talk Stories" about various curriculums and programs that help students find an appreciation for culture, art, and language. Our officers, Tiana and Juliana, had the opportunity to emcee for the 2019 Multilingual and Arts Symposium and sit in on some of the workshops that they offered. Not only did they learn how impactful language can be for student development and engagement, but it was also warming to observe so many adults and educators caring about their students and education.

Seal of Biliteracy

Expanding students' language abilities and international opportunities



As the WLLC seeks to advance language learning and show students the world that is open to them as they continue their language education, the **Seal of Biliteracy** is one of the great endeavors that our center promotes. Students (high school seniors) who have shown exceptional proficiency in their language learning and pass the exam for the Seal of Biliteracy can be recognized as bilingual/biliteral. For more information on the Seal of Biliteracy, please visit the following link: [HIDOE](#)

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If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to get in touch with our director or any of the officers, our information can be found in the 'CONTACTS' section on our website (link at the end of this newsletter). Our website also has information on the different events that we organize and attend, as well as where/how you can sign up to participate in some of them!

We look forward to serving you all this year, and hope that you are just as excited for the amazing things to come!

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