

2022 Mead Fellows and Their Projects

KnowYourCert: A database for aspiring language educators

Julia Koch is a teacher of French in Bernards Township School District in NJ and a frequent FLENJ presenter. So in this room and throughout the nation, we all know the challenges of finding teachers for our WL programs. Her project: “KnowYourCert: A database for aspiring language educators” entails the creation of a directory that provides information on the certification processes for each state, as well as potential avenues for translating international educational experience and linguistic skills into quantified credits on an American academic scale, so that we can help potential teacher candidates navigate certification pathways across the Northeast. Consolidated information available in various languages means more qualified candidates for language educator programs in every state. We are thankful to

Tim Eagan from Wellesley Public Schools who will act as her mentor.

Casting a Wider Net: Helping World Language Teachers Reach Their Neurodiverse Learners

Stephanie Krause, a Latin teacher at the McLean School in Potomac, MD and **Wesley Wood**, is a Latin and French teacher at the Bullis School also in Potomac, MD. As Mead Fellows, they will work together on a project titled “Casting a Wider Net: Helping World Language Teachers Reach Their Neurodiverse Learners,” which will create a space for language teachers to ask hard questions about teaching, recruiting, and retaining neurodiverse learners in their language programs. They’ve proposed a comprehensive approach with webinars, quick tip and teaching demonstration videos, and online resources and articles.

Please do consider if you or someone you know would like to share your voice or experience on this topic.

We are also thankful to Maureen Lamb from CT, also a Latin teacher, who was a past Mead Fellow and she will act as their mentor.