

**Newsletter of the
Department of Modern Languages at
The University of the Incarnate Word**
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INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE COURSES IN FALL 2014

In Fall 2014, the Department of Modern Languages will offer Intermediate I (third semester) courses in several of our other languages: Arabic, French, Japanese, and Korean. The Intermediate II (fourth semester) courses of these languages will be offered in Spring 2015. For more information about these courses, contact Michael Tallon at tallon@uiwtx.edu.

UPDATE ON LANGUAGE AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY UNIVERSITY

UIW has signed an agreement with Trinity University that will allow qualified Incarnate Word students to enroll and earn credit in a variety of classical and modern languages at Trinity University on a space available basis, while qualified students from Trinity can enroll and earn credit in science courses (Anatomy and Physiology 1 & 2) and modern language courses at UIW on a space available basis. UIW students can take any language at Trinity that is not currently offered at UIW. Students taking classes under this agreement will pay the tuition of their respective home institutions. Contact the Registrar's Office for details on how to enroll.

PREVIOUS EVENTS

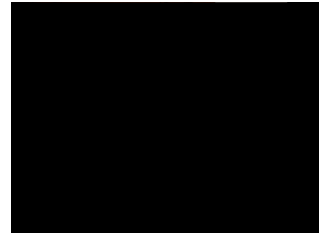
Faculty Breakfast

On Saturday, September 21, 2013, the Department of Modern Languages held a breakfast and update s

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Heritage Day Celebration

Congratulations to Dr. Amalia Mondríguez (25 years), Dr. Sally Said (25 years), and Dr. Pat Lonchar (30 years), who were recognized for their many years of service at UIW during the annual Heritage Day Celebration!



STUDENT NEWS

At the 2014 CHASS Celebration of Excellence Ceremony, held on April 3rd, the following students received awards from the Department of Modern Languages:

- **Regina Reyes Campos** - Outstanding Spanish Major in memory of Carolina Ballester
- **Stephanie Dimas** - Outstanding Student in Intermediate Spanish in memory of Joshua Stokes
- **Angélica Hernández** - Outstanding Use of Spanish in Service to the Community
- **Rubén Cantú** - Outstanding Student in the Spanish Minor
- **Cecilia Iñiguez** - Distinguished Alumna 2014, UIW Spanish Program
- **Ryan C. Bibby** – Outstanding Student in Arabic
- **Pauline Nguy** – Outstanding Student in Chinese
- **Antonio Contreras** – Outstanding Student in French
- **Emilee T. Wills** – Outstanding Student in German
- **Leslie M. Holland** – Outstanding Student in Italian
- **Jahnavi Mijagiri** – Outstanding Student in Japanese
- **Jasmen Hale** – Outstanding Student in Korean

Congratulations to the following Spanish majors who graduated this year:

- **Regina Campos Reyes**
- **Angélica Hernández**
- **Erin Ann Oakes**
- **Martha Ramos**
- **Elizabeth Ríos**
- **Jorge Sánchez**

Two students from UIW won first and second place in the 25th Annual Japanese Language Contest held at San Antonio College on Saturday, February 8, 2014. This annual event, sponsored by the Japan American Society of San Antonio (JASSA), offers participants an opportunity to demonstrate their oral communication skills in Japanese while competing in a statewide competition. It brings attention to the Japanese language and promotes the knowledge and understanding of Japan by Americans. Congratulations to Victoria Herrera for winning 1st Place and Jahnavi Mijagiri for winning 2nd Place! Victoria also competed in the State Contest held at Rice University on March 8, 2014. In addition, in the Free Speech Open at the State Contest, two sisters from UIW (Miwako and Emi Yokoo – who are Japanese tutors for UIW and St. Anthony Catholic High School) won 1st Place and 2nd Place! Congratulations to everyone, including Japanese Professor Chihiro Legris!!

Statement from Victoria Herrera:

My name is Victoria Herrera. I am currently in the 4th year of my 5-year MSA program, concentrating in Accounting.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

In May-June 2013, **Dr. Sally Said**

DID YOU KNOW?

How Language Learning Supports Mental Agility (From ACTFL SmartBrief – 9/17/13)

Learning a new language can help develop areas of the mind that assist with focus and information processing, writes Dan Roitman, founder and CEO of education e-commerce platform company Stroll. In this blog post, he explains how speaking more than one language literally reshapes the brain. "Learning a second language is like a workout for your mind," he writes. To read the article, visit:

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Goodbye