

Dear MaFLA Members,

We are so glad that you and over 500 colleagues have chosen to **Level Up their Language Education** by attending the 52nd Annual MaFLA Conference. Between our national-level workshops, a variety of sessions, a timely keynote, delicious meals, a grateful awards luncheon, a vibrant expo hall, zumba and yoga, and space for collaboration and recharge, we hope you find something that applies to you both in the near term and for your journey.

To plan ahead for a great conference, here are some useful tips:

- Download our app, [EventMobi](#), and set up your profile for mafla19. [EventMobi](#) offers the most up-to-date session info, maps, raffle information, presenter handouts, and session feedback. App help will be available at 8-9a in the Expo Hall and during lunch at registration. Brush up on your app skills with these [directions](#).
- Know that sessions that are part of a language strand will be presented in that language. You need to keep track of our own PDPs for DESE; make sure to note for yourself what you attend so you can bundle your hours appropriately.
- If you prefer paper copies, please print and pack the [concurrent session schedule](#), the [Conference Schedule at a Glance](#), and the [hotel map](#).
- Save your emailed registration confirmation so you remember what you have signed up for.
- Set your social media to follow MaFLA to take advantage of others' learning.
- Plan extra time for traffic and parking complications. Better early, sipping complementary coffee in our beautiful hotel than rushing in at the last minute.

Here are some links to help you:

- [FAQ](#) for your lingering questions such as parking, wifi codes, and maps
- [Local places to eat](#) if you have not registered for meals
- [PDF of concurrent sessions](#)

As always, we have a few initiatives that we've been announcing in our newsletter and on social media:

- [Round Tables](#) in the expo hall are a chance to chat about hot topics. Someone with experience is at the table to guide you, but it's really for you to network with others about the topic listed.
- During B, C, D, and E sessions, a [Round Table](#) will be dedicated to sessions earlier in the day that were too full to accommodate all. Stay tuned to the app to know what and when.
- Complimentary coffee, tea, and charging stations available all day Friday in the [Exhibits Hall](#).
- Second Annual [Book Signing](#) in the exhibits hall after the Keynote will feature several presenters
- Our [Member Reception](#) is a cocktail hour (*not a meal*) for you to network before heading somewhere with friends and colleagues for dinner. Don't miss this event -- there will be exciting raffle prizes!
- We have partnered with a Springfield Museum for a special guided tour Saturday afternoon. Details [here!](#)
- After every 3-hour workshop, the room is available for the next hour for you to continue collaborating if you wish.

If you have any questions during the conference, Member Services is also located on the second floor and staffed by board members and volunteers.

For over two years, we have been planning this weekend to rejuvenate and refuel our members. We hope that you find ways to **Level Up your Language Education**, and to encourage others to do so, too! Thank you for being a valued member of MaFLA and for taking the time to focus on your language education path.

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